

## A resource for preschool occupational and speech and language therapy services and funding in the Region of Peel.

### Occupational Therapy Funding and Programs

There are no funding programs specifically designated for occupational therapy for young children or child care in the Region of Peel.

#### Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP)

OHIP may cover some community-based services. To find out more about [what OHIP covers](#), please call Health Connect Ontario at 811 or ServiceOntario at 416-314-5518.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/what-ohip-covers>

#### ErinoakKids

ErinoakKids offers [occupational therapy services](#) for children ages birth to 19 years of age. To access these services a child must have a physical or developmental delay/disability.

The [referral process](#) must be completed to access occupational therapy services:

<https://www.erinoakkids.ca/all-services/accessing-services/referrals>

### Speech & Language Pathology Funding and Programs

#### Ontario Preschool Speech and Language Program

The Government of Ontario offers the [Preschool Speech and Language Program](#). This program is offered by community agencies throughout Ontario for families that have concerns about their child's language development. Your child is eligible for this program from birth until they start school.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/preschool-speech-and-language-program>

For the Region of Peel, the Preschool Speech and Language Program is offered through [ErinoakKids](#). To access ErinoakKids speech and language services, the [referral process](#) must be completed: <https://www.erinoakkids.ca/all-services/accessing-services/referrals>

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## Additional Supports and Funding

### Peel Inclusion Resource Services (PIRS)

PIRS offers resource consulting support to licensed child care in the Region of Peel for children 12 years of age or under. The Resource Consultant works alongside families and child care staff to assist them in finding resources, services, and strategies to support children with special needs. A PIRS Resource Consultant may assist families in finding speech and language and occupational therapy services in their community.

<https://www.peelregion.ca/services/children-and-parenting/special-needs-help>

### Infant and Child Development Services Peel (ICDSP)

ICDSP can provide Early Intervention Services to families in forms of screening and assessments, service coordination, information and supports, and more. To access ICDSP, the referral process must be completed by a parent or professional: <https://www.icdspeel.ca/how-to-refer>

### Ontario Autism Program (OAP)

OAP is a diagnose specific program; designated for children under the age of 18 with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Those who qualify for OAP may be eligible for core clinical services such as occupational and/or speech and language therapy. For more information please visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-autism-program-core-clinical-services>

### Ontario Child Care Tax Credit

The Child Care Tax Credit allows families to claim child care expenses on their personal income tax. A family whose income is below \$150,000 with a severe disability can receive up to \$8,250. Though, the Child Care Tax Credit is not direct funding for occupational or speech and language services, it may assist families to offset some expenses they incur. <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-child-care-tax-credit>

### Disability Tax Credit (DTC)

The DTC is a non-refundable tax credit to help persons with disabilities or their supporting persons lessen the amount of income tax they may have to pay. <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/segments/tax-credits-deductions-persons-disabilities/disability-tax-credit.html>

### Private Insurance

If families have insurance or benefits through their employer, they may be able to use these benefits to fully or partially cover speech and language and/or occupational therapy services for their children.

### InfoPeel and Service Pathways

To find occupational and/or speech and language therapy services near you, please use our Peel Special Needs Services Directory. You can also give InfoPeel a call at 905-890-9432 or email [contact@infopeel.ca](mailto:contact@infopeel.ca) if you have questions!