

## Fraser Valley Child Development Center Occupational Therapy & Physiotherapy Services

In the Abbotsford School District, Occupational and Physical Therapy (OT/PT) services are provided by the staff at the Fraser Valley Child Development Centre. The therapists collaborate with educators, families, and other service providers to support students who fall into Ministry Funding Categories. They offer consultation and assessment services and suggest adaptations for equipment and/or the environment that will help meet the needs of children with complex challenges in an educational setting. Services from the OT/PT staff focus on children with special needs who are most challenged - including children who have specialized equipment (wheelchairs, walkers, etc.). They will also provide in-school training for lifts and transfers.

## **Referral Process for OT/PT services in the Abbotsford Schools**

Referrals are made through the School Based Team in consultation with parents. Referral forms (both district and CDC) are available from your LSS Helping Teacher. A screening committee comprised of the OT/PTs, LSS helping teachers, and other district specialists meets regularly throughout the year to make decisions about services based on the referrals.

For more information, contact your LSS Helping Teacher at 604-504-4610