

About YSSN...

York Support Services Network (YSSN) is a community-based agency that offers programs and services designed to support York Region individuals with a developmental disability and/or a serious mental illness.

YSSN has a long history of supporting individuals and their families as they deal with their unique challenges. Guided by our Mission — *Fostering growth, independence and choice for people with developmental disabilities or serious mental illness* — YSSN is proud of the role we play as a bridge for our clients to the community, assisting them to receive the support they need to manage their disability or illness.

YSSN is well connected within health and social services. We work closely with our community partners to open doors, educate others and remove barriers for the individuals we support. The strength of these partnerships helps to focus us on our shared vision for a community that recognizes and uses the contributions of all its members.

Who to Call...

If you would like to make a referral to the **York Region Speech and Language Program**, please call the numbers below to reach the Service System Response Unit at York Support Services Network:

(905) 898-3721

or

1-888-695-0070

“Together, we have the power to break barriers and realize dreams. Everyone belongs.”



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Speech and Language Program



A program for York
Region adults with a
Developmental
Disability



About the Program

The **York Region Speech and Language Program for Adults with Developmental Disabilities** is funded by the Ministry of Community and Social Services, and administered by the Service System Response Unit at York Support Services Network.

Program participants will find that the speech/language consultation focuses on the adult's system of communication, and that programming will capitalize on existing skills in order to establish or supplement this communication system.

In order to effectively service adults, a mediator must commit to providing programming and monitoring the adult participant's communication skills. An appropriate mediator may be a hired worker, a staff person or a family member. A service contract will be signed with the mediator. The mediator will be asked to attend a training session in order to assist them with the communication needs of the individual on an ongoing basis. The commitment and involvement of the mediator ensures the success of the intervention and the established communication plan.

Who is eligible to access the program?

Those eligible to access the **Speech and Language Program** include:

- Residents of York Region
- Individuals who are 18 years of age and older
- Individuals with a developmental disability and functional limitations in one or more of the following areas:

Communication ↔ Community Living ↔ Health & Safety

How Does it Work?

- Individuals and families make a referral to the Service System Response Unit at York Support Services Network
- The SSRU will confirm eligibility for service and place individual on the wait list
- An appointment will be made by the Speech and Language Consultant with the adult and their identified mediator
- The initial visit will complete the intake process and provide a screening of the adult's functional communication skills
- Services to adults will be variable depending on their needs and the goals of the intervention, and are offered as a consultation service only
- Three to four intervention visits will be scheduled with the adult and mediator to establish a communication system. A further consultation is available on request for 6 months post-intervention. If there is no contact time by the mediator in this timeframe, the adult will be discharged

