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Great news for families of children with disabilities and special needs!

On, August 23, 2010 Health Minister Theresa Oswald and Family Services and Consumer Affairs Minister Gord Mackintosh announced a provincial government commitment of \$16.7-million for the development of a new site offering integrated special services for young people with disabilities and special needs.

The new innovative one-stop centre for children will co-locate specialized services for children with disabilities to make accessing services easier and more seamless, said the ministers.

The 87,000-square-foot centre will be located in the Christie Building at 1147 Notre Dame Ave., in close proximity to the Health Sciences Centre and Children's Hospital.

A multi-disciplinary team will be working together on site to ensure co-ordinated and simplified access to a range of programs and services. On-site service-provider agencies include:

- WRHA: communication disorders, child development clinic, Manitoba FASD Centre, newborn followup clinic, integrated services team (WRHA home care and Children's Special Services case co-ordinators) and pediatric rehabilitation services (physiotherapy and occupational therapy);
- Children's Special Services;
- Rehabilitation Centre for Children (RCC): all programs and services, Children's Rehabilitation Foundation;
- Community Respite Service;

- Society for Manitobans with Disabilities (SMD): case co-ordinators, outreach therapy program
- Manitoba Family Services and Consumer Affairs: FASD outreach team, behavioural specialists, autism outreach team, integrated children's service team and family support.

Other partners committed to working within the collaborative model, but not co-locating include:

- The Child Guidance Clinic
- CNIB
- Mount Carmel Clinic
- Central Speech and Hearing Clinic
- Open Access Resource Centre
- St. Amant
- Manitoba Adolescent Treatment Centre
- The Movement Centre of Manitoba
- The Department of Education
- The Department of Health

"We are thrilled with the opportunity to work together with families and our partners to create a centre and a service delivery system that will be easier for families to navigate and will better respond to the issues faced by children and youth with disabilities and special needs," said Cheryl Susinski, executive director of the Rehabilitation Centre for Children.

A Project Manager will help to facilitate the co-location process. Discussions have also begun for planning a Capital Campaign.

Design work for the new facility will take place over the fall, with construction expected to start next spring, and completion targeted for the fall of 2012.

How will staff and families be involved in the process?

Staff will have input into the building through a series of developer and user meetings in which a detailed space plan will be developed. The format of these meetings and the mechanisms for input have yet to be finalized.

Families will be consulted at key points along the way.

Capital Planning: Next Steps

Design Phase

Meetings to take place with the Prime Consultant, Stantec Architecture, to advance the Schematic Design, engage users from each group involved and form an Integrated Design Process (IDP) working group. This working group is integral to translate our needs and wants into the overall design.

The initial Space program will be translated into a floor plan or adjacency diagram. These Schematic Design floor plans will establish relationships between disciplines, room sizes, corridors, etc.

Design Development Phase

Will result in a reconciled final layout of all requirements including Furniture & Equipment.

Contract Document Phase

The Consultants will prepare a set of Specifications & Drawings integrating all the technical mechanical and electrical requirements ready for Tender, followed by Contract Award & Construction of the Interior Tenant improvement package.

Occupancy is tentatively scheduled for Fall of 2012.

The Purpose of SSCY

To develop and implement a coordinated and integrated planning, delivery and evaluation system to maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of service delivery for children and youth with developmental disabilities and their families.

Children, youth, their families and other caregivers must remain the focal point of decision-making.

The Desired Results

- process for creating a common philosophy for child- and family-centred practice and community-centred service delivery
- process for involving families in decision-making
- a collaborative operational planning process performance measurement framework, including service standards and client feedback indicators
- resource centre for families
- inventory of services, a map for navigating the system and a vehicle for disseminating the information
- centre of excellence
- integrated service delivery model with a single case manager
- development and documentation of best practices
- family information system that includes intake, scheduling and case management



Who Can I Contact for More Information?

A Site Management Team has been assembled to plan for the re-location to the new site and will be responsible for relaying information to and from the co-locating programs. General updates will also be maintained on the **SSCY website at <http://www.sscy.ca>**

For **general information** about SSCY, please contact **Jeanette Edwards** at JEwards@wrha.mb.ca, telephone 204-926-8021 or **Collette Wilson**, SSCY Family Centre Coordinator at collettew@rccinc.ca, telephone (204) 453-9820.

SSCY Site Management Team as of September 15, 2010

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| Child Development Clinic | Sue Morison | Supervisor |
| Children's Rehabilitation Foundation | Chris Schollenberg | Executive Director |
| Children's Home Care | Maria Steeds | Team Manager |
| Children's Hospital (PT, OT, SLP) | Kristal Laminman | Director of OT, HSc |
| Children's Special Services | Irma Nadeau | Program Manager |
| Community Respite Service | Michelle Hammond | Executive Director |
| Manitoba FASD Centre | Mary Cox-Millar | Manager |
| Rehabilitation Centre for Children | Cheryl Susinski | Executive Director |
| Rehabilitation Centre for Children | Donna Vielhaber | Clinic Manager |
| Rehab Centre for Children | Doug Paulsen | Director of Rehab Engineering |
| Rehab Centre for Children | Kizzy Phillips | Executive Assistant |
| Rehab Centre for Children | Marlene Waldron | Director of Rehabilitation Therapy |
| Rehab Centre for Children | Silvia Hidara | Director of Finance/Support Serv. |
| SSCY Central Intake | Marianne Klassen | SSCY Central Intake |
| SSCY Family Resource Centre | Collette Wilson | Director |
| Society of Manitobans with Disabilities | John Griffin | Manager of Outreach Therapy |
| Society of Manitobans with Disabilities | Patti McIntyre | Director of SMD Services |
| WRHA (Child Health) | Cheryl Susinski | Director of Community Services |
| WRHA | Janet Clark | Regional Director of SLP/Audiology |

SSCY's Intersectoral Working Group

The Intersectoral Working Group (IWG) is composed of representatives from SSCY agencies and is responsible for implementing the SSCY workplan. Progress reports are made to the IWG at monthly meetings and approval is gained from the IWG on key decisions. Participant representatives communicate with their departments and agencies to inform them of SSCY decisions. SSCY participants maintain final approval authority for all strategic and policy decision.

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| Jeanette Edwards, Chair | WRHA |
| Ian Anderson | Society for Manitobans with Disabilities (SMD) |
| Pam Campbell | Central Speech & Hearing Clinic |
| Janet Clark | Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) |
| Susan Dewalt | CNIB |
| Beverly Fyfe | Manitoba Health |
| John Griffin | SMD |
| Michelle Hammond | Community Respite Service |
| Allan Hendrickson-Gracie | Family Services and Consumer Affairs (FSCA) |
| Silvia Hidara | Rehabilitation Centre for Children (RCC) |
| Marianne Klassen | SSCY, Children's Therapy Initiative (CTI) |
| Kristal Laminman | Health Sciences Centre (WRHA) |
| Pat Locken | Family Representative |
| Carolyn Loepky | FSCA |
| Ruth Loepky | Children's Special Services (FSCA) |
| Dr. Sally Longstaffe | Child Development Clinic, Health Sciences Centre (WRHA) |
| Fiona McIntyre | St. Boniface Hospital (WRHA) |
| Patti McIntyre | SMD |
| Irma Nadeau | Children's Special Services (FSCA) |
| Margy Nelson | The Movement Centre of Manitoba |
| Carl Stephens | St. Amant |
| Cheryl Susinski | RCC/WRHA |
| Andrea Thibault | FSCA |
| Jo Verstraete | St. Amant |
| Donna Vielhaber | RCC |
| Marlene Waldron | RCC |
| Collette Wilson | RCC |