

Speech and Language Referral Checklist Information Sheet

The Speech and Language Referral Checklist is intended to help child care professionals identify children who may benefit from an assessment of their communication development by a Speech-Language Pathologist. To find out more information check out the [Niagara Children's Centre Speech and Language Referral Checklist Overview & Instructions for QCCN](#).

- Parent/guardian consent forms are signed on an annual basis; parent/guardian signature is also obtained to verify that results have been discussed with them after the screen has been completed.
- If a child is already known to Niagara Children's Centre, you do not need to complete a Speech and Language Referral Checklist
- Use the newest consent form in English (February 2021), [PDF](#) (print and fill out by hand) or [Fillable PDF](#) (fill out on your computer).
- Use the newest consent form in French (February 2021), [PDF](#) (print and fill out by hand) or [Fillable PDF](#) (fill out on your computer).
- The Checklist is divided into 10 age categories: 6 months, 9 months, 12 months, 15 months, 18 months, 2 years, 2.5 years, 3 years, 3.5 years and 4 years. Complete ONE age category per child: choose the category that the child has most recently reached. The Checklists are also available in French and can be found on the [QCCN Website](#).
- Remember that the Checklist asks how the child is communicating with you (the educator).
- The Checklist should be completed by thinking about the child's skills in the language they know best.
- Use the [Speech and Language Referral Checklist Tracking Sheet](#) or [DPS and Speech and Language Referral Checklist Tracking Sheet](#) to track information, ensuring no children are missed. **Note** the "how to score the checklist" section is also on the checklist itself.
- [Niagara Children's Centre Speech and Language Referral Pathways for QCCN](#) has further information for referrals and includes the reminder that all children must be referred by August 31 prior to starting year one kindergarten. It is also available in [French](#).
- Use the newest [Niagara Children's Centre Speech and Language Referral Form for QCCN](#) and in [French](#).
- Stats are to be submitted by the 15th of the month for the month prior through a link sent by Niagara Region. Or you can visit [QCCN Monthly Reporting](#). The link is on the right-hand side under Reporting. **Reminder:** scores and referrals are reported within the same month on stats form.

Frequently Asked Questions for Speech and Language Referrals in [English](#) or [French](#).

If you have any questions about the Referral Checklists and Processes, please contact Rebecca.Main@Niagarachildrencentre.com or visit the [Niagara Children's Centre](#) website

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Connect with the QCCN Coordinator [905.646.7311 x.306](tel:905.646.7311) or ptan@eccdc.org with questions or for further support.