

Lakeland Student Health Initiative Partnership (LSHIP)

Vision:

Healthy kids learn and live better through supportive educational environments and enhanced capacities for individuals to make choices.

Lakeland Student Health Initiative Partners:

Alberta Mental Health Board

Mental Health Therapy

As part of the LSHIP, the goal of Mental Health is to help school-aged children with special health needs to access a range of coordinated health and related support services to meet their needs and attain their maximum potential.

SHIP therapists provide mental health services in schools and collaborate with other agencies. Services are provided in Ft. Saskatchewan, Vegreville, St. Paul, Lac La Biche, Cold Lake and Bonnyville.

Children's Therapist Yvonne Townend 780 998 5225

Lakeland Regional Health Authority

Occupational Therapy

School based occupational therapy is designed to enhance the student's ability to learn, access the educational environment, and succeed in school subjects.

Based on the motor, perceptual, sensory, and/or environmental impairments identified during testing, the Occupational Therapist may direct treatment that:

- Provides appropriate sensory input to assist with regulation of arousal and organization of the child's environment
- Increases the child's fine motor control which may improve their printing and handwriting
- Improves the child's visual and perceptual abilities that influence the formation of letters and shapes
- Improves the child's posture to support proper use of arms, hands, head, and eyes leading to increased classroom interaction,
- Increases the child's level of physical strength, endurance, body awareness and motor planning
- Improves the child's social skills
- Provides assistive technology (computer programs or simple technology to enhance learning)

Occupational Therapist Vienna Chan 780 998 2256 ext#161

Speech Language Therapy

Speech Language Pathologists work with people who have difficulty with communication and oral-motor function including:

- Understanding and expression of language
- Speech sound production
- Fluency (stuttering)
- Voice (pitch, loudness, quality)
- Augmentative communication (sign language, picture boards, etc.)
- Feeding and swallowing

Communication difficulties secondary to other disorders such as hearing impairment, stroke, physical disability, and cognitive disability

Speech Language Pathologist Karen Svitich 780 992 2360

City of Fort Saskatchewan

Family School Liaison Workers

As Part of the LSHIP team, the FSLW program provides support for students and families, through identifying and addressing their concerns.

Which may include:

Family relationship concerns

Suicidal ideation

Self-esteem

Grief and loss

Anger management

Depression

Parenting strategies

Provide in-home support

Truancy

Family School Liaison Workers Angila Chase & Courtney Donaldson 780 992 6175