



# AUTISM/NEURODIVERSITY ROADMAP

For Neurodivergent Children 0-16 years old

## 1. Do you have developmental concerns about your child?

See your Family Doctor, Pediatrician or Nurse Practitioner to request a referral to:

- Thrive Child Development Centre for diagnostic assessment OR
- Dr. Stevenson, Pediatrics at Group Health Centre, Mental Health, Behaviour and Development. Referral for Dr. Steventson via Sandi Carter Phone: 705-541-2643 Fax: 705-541-2304 OR
- Referral for diagnostic assessment through a private (fee-for-service) assessor; may be covered through private insurance coverage or group health benefits; see Autism/Neurodiversity Services Inventory for specific information.

## 2. Pre and Post Diagnosis

Get connected to:

- Contact Autism Ontario, North Region to speak with Service Navigators who can assist with helping navigate available autism/neurodiversity services
- Access Ontario Autism Program (Access OAP) If you think your child is eligible and they are not currently registered for the OAP. Autism Ontario, North Region can assist with this process.

## 3. ASD Intervention Programs

Need immediate assistance due to difficult or challenging behaviors?

- See Sault Ste. Marie Urgent Response System in Autism/Neurodiversity Services Inventory for contact information
- Other resources available in Autism/Neurodiversity Services Inventory for other resources.

## 4. Other services (fee-for-service)

Other supports/services are available however many are fee-for-service:

- See Autism/Neurodiversity Services Inventory for other types of other services in Therapeutic/Professional Services and Resources.

All children deserve to be treated with respect, dignity, and fairness, regardless of their neurodiversity. Overcoming stigma and creating inclusive environments helps promote equity and justice for neurodivergent children, ensuring they have access to the same opportunities and rights as their peers.

