



March 9, 2021

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Re: Wee Talk PreSchool Speech and Language Program Changes

After careful consideration and discussion with the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health (WDGPH) has decided to withdraw from the delivery of the Wee Talk PreSchool Speech and Language (PSL) program. This change will be effective as of March 31, 2021.

The Wee Talk PSL program has been a strong partnership between WDGPH, St. Joseph's Health Centre Guelph and Groves Memorial Community Hospital and North Wellington Health Care, since 1993, so the decision to discontinue our collective service has not been taken lightly.

I am pleased to share that the PSL program will continue in our community through the following agencies:

- Dufferin County: ErinoakKids Centre for Treatment and Development
www.erinoakkids.ca/speechandlanguage; and
- Guelph and Wellington County: KidsAbility Centre for Child Development
<https://www.kidsability.ca/>.

These partners have a wealth of experience in providing programming to children and their families and are very well-positioned to take on this work.

Planning is in place to ensure a smooth transition to these new agencies. Over the next several weeks, you will receive more information about what this transition will mean for your child. We ask for your patience during this time.

I would like to thank you for your trust in allowing us to serve you and your child in the PSL program.

Sincerely,

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