

EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICES / GUIDANCE SERVICES

Guidance Officers provide psycho-educational information, through consultative processes, assessment and planned interventions for schools and parents. Consultation also occurs with Student Services and Children's Development Team personnel. The key focus of Guidance intervention is consultation, assessment of students and provision of information relevant to students' learning needs. Support is also provided for staff, students and families regarding mental health issues.

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Consultation with school staff regarding strategies to achieve curriculum access and participation.
- Assessment of students' intellectual and academic strengths and weaknesses.
- Assessment of students' social, emotional and behavioural development.
- Consultation with parents regarding the outcomes and implications of assessment.
- Liaison with relevant community based professionals concerning the social/emotional well being of students and their families.
- Provision of whole class programs for students, including interpersonal communication, social skills, relaxation, problem solving and goal setting.
- Provision of professional development programs for school staff in psycho-educational areas such as the educational implications of specific disorders and syndromes and developing an understanding of the educational and environmental influences on mental health.
- Address groups such as school councils, professional associations and community organizations regarding psycho-educational issues and topics.
- Provide school communities with support after a critical incident.