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Improving the Lives of Children and Youth with Disabilities and Special Needs: Promoting Research and Research Collaborations at SSCY Centre

The SSCY Centre Research and Evaluation Committee, SSCY Centre

Background:

SSCY Network and Centre

The Specialized Services for Children and Youth (SSCY) Network is an alliance of families, community agencies, regional health authorities, and government that provides specialized, community-based services for children and youth with disabilities and special needs. SSCY Network partners include Central Speech and Hearing, Children's Rehabilitation Foundation, Community Respite Service, Rehabilitation Centre for Children, Society for Manitobans with Disabilities, St. Amant, St. Boniface Hospital, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, and the provincial government departments of Families, Education, and Health.

Many SSCY Network partners are housed at SSCY Centre in Winnipeg, which opened in May 2016. Services at SSCY Centre are delivered in a coordinated, integrated, family-centred way, to provide expertise in service delivery, research, education, and technology, serving Manitoba and surrounding areas.

Research and Evaluation at SSCY Centre

Research and evaluation are essential activities at SSCY Centre. The overall goals of research and evaluation at SSCY Centre are to: 1) learn more about issues that are important to our children, youth, and families; 2) improve care received through SSCY Centre and our partners; 3) increase community participation; and 4) enhance quality of life. Clinicians and university researchers are welcome and encouraged to conduct research and evaluation projects in any of these areas at SSCY Centre.

The SSCY Centre Research and Evaluation Committee is responsible for granting research access at SSCY Centre, and is available to assist researchers throughout their project. To date, 14 research projects have been or are being conducted at SSCY Centre.

This poster will provide information about: SSCY partners, programs and services offered, the SSCY Research and Evaluation Committee, goals of research at SSCY Centre, who may want to conduct research at SSCY Centre, how to apply for research access, knowledge translation opportunities at SSCY Centre, and examples of ongoing research projects.

Objective:

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Methods:

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Results:

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Conclusion:

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