



Lansdowne Children's Centre

**Norfolk County Council
December 14, 2021**



Mission, Vision, Values

Regional Centre [closest of 21: London/Hamilton/K-W] for Norfolk/
Haldimand/Brant/Six Nations of Grand/Mississaugas of Credit

MISSION: Supporting children/youth with physical, communication
& developmental needs, and their families

VISION: Realizing optimal potential for children & youth

VALUES: Respect
Inclusion
Diversity
Empowerment (**RIDE**)

Serving Norfolk Since '97

- **1997: started twice monthly Occupational [OT] & Physical Therapy [P.T.] clinic in Norfolk General Hospital P.T. Dept.**
- **2000: doubled to weekly clinic**
- **2007- moved to Colborne St. EarlyON site with HNREACH**
- **Served families in other HN EarlyON spaces via REACH partnership**



To a Simcoe Storefront in 2007...



Growing local presence [like our kids]

- 2013: 2 days/wk. preschool OT & PT clinics in Norfolk & Haldimand
- 2018: Assumed private H-N contracts for unified School-Based Rehab. Services in publicly funded schools [now all ages til 18+]
- 2019: Added Preschool Speech & Language program [consistent across catchment area]
- 2020: 4 dedicated H-N sites & therapy teams

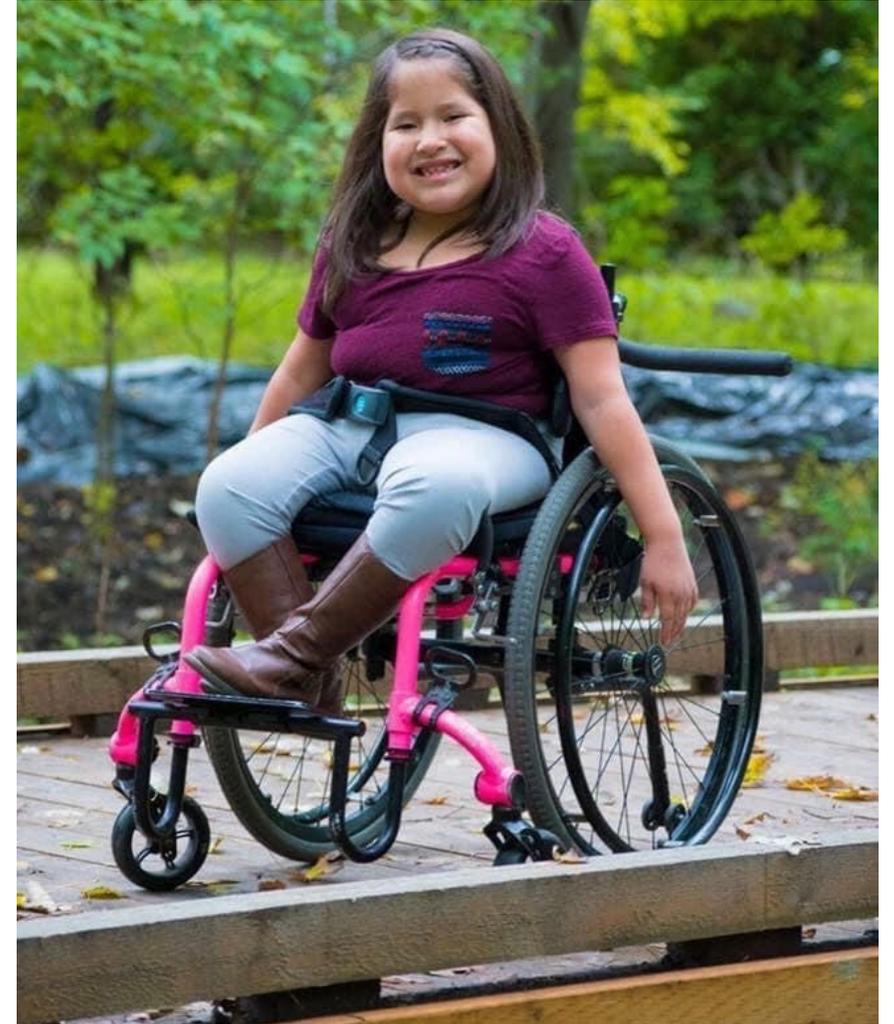


Both sides of Colborne St. in 2021



Advancing HN Equity: 2020-21 stats

- **Occupational Therapy(OT): 164**
 - [176 in 1st ½ of 2021-22]
- **Physiotherapy(PT): 145**
 - [109 in 1st ½ of 2021-22]
- **Speech Therapy: 493**
 - [373 in 1st ½ of 2021-22]
- **School Based OT/PT/ST: 374**
 - [359 in 1st ½ of 2021-22]
- **Developmental Paediatrics - 49**
- **Adding HN services:**
 - Social Work, Child & Youth Worker, Integrated teams w/REACH Resource & Developmental Consultants
- **~40% of therapy caseload aligned with pop'n.**



Advocating for Equity

- **Boosting HN referral [+117 YTD] awareness & presence**
 - ↗case finding
- **Norfolk families need regional site access for specialized services: traffic, parking safety risks**
- **Prov'l. Standard of Care:**
 - new centres in Chatham, Hamilton, Durham, Ottawa, Halton, Peel
- **Crowding = delayed/forego service, equipment**
- **Shortfall:**
 - Btfd. Regional Site 25k s.f. - landlocked, can't grow
 - Built for 57; now houses 118 staff
 - Since 1998 >tripled # kids served/yr.
 - 1,251 other referrals since Apr 2021 YTD



A Case for Economic Development

- **Critical: delays → risk poor outcomes for complex medically fragile children/youth, exacerbated by COVID-19**
- **Norfolk's business growth & talent recruitment/retention requires this infrastructure**
- **Aided by City of Btfd. MOU for 6.5 acres on central Mohawk Lake District property**
- **Funding Cycle: provincial approval pipeline, capital campaign dependent on land commitment**
- **Seek alignment with this year's political process**



A Design for Our Kids' Future

- **2019 Design:** 3 stories [+ 4th floor shell for projected 20 yrs. Growth of catchment population]
- **Space:** 120k s.f. consolidating offsite leases [pool & overnight respite]; suitable parking capacity
- **Land:** Co-designed with architect of proposed adjacent urban Indigenous health centre to optimize acreage, honour its past

