



ONTARIO  
ASSOCIATION  
OF CHILDREN'S  
REHABILITATION  
SERVICES

# Investment

## OACRS Vision

- That ALL children and youth will have the best opportunity to reach their potential

## OACRS Goals

To ensure that children with special needs reach their full potential, we are creating a strong, stable system of supports, that is:

- Child and family-centred;
- Working in interprofessional teams to ensure best outcomes for children and youth ;
- Fully integrated with partners so that any door is the 'right' door to access service;
- Effective and efficient in order to serve more children and youth;
- Forward thinking and innovative clinically and organizationally.

## Current Barriers

Demand continues to outpace resources, simply maintaining the status quo means:

- 2854 fewer children will be served in 2012-2013
- 1097 more children will be waiting for service in 2012-2013
- Children and their families will wait an average of 20% longer for vital services (up to 14 months for some services)
- By 2015 the impact of the most recent \$9 million investment will be lost.

## Solution

1. Sustain the investments made in services for children with special needs;
2. Strengthen the capacity of the children's services system to give children requiring extra supports the opportunities they need to stay healthy and to achieve excellent educational outcomes.

## Results

- Ontario's most vulnerable children and families will have a system of services and supports they can rely on to provide the vital specialized assistance they require
- Ontario's children with special needs will achieve better health and education outcomes.

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