



Vanier Children's Mental Wellness

School Community Intervention Partnership Program (SCIP) - Information Sheet

About SCIP

The School Community Intervention Partnership (SCIP) is one of many programs at Vanier Children's Mental Wellness.

SCIP supports families whose children are experiencing struggles with their mental well-being, including social and emotional difficulties at school, home and/or in the community. Early support helps children succeed. SCIP is available to all students from Senior Kindergarten (K2) to Grade 6 in publicly funded elementary schools in London and Middlesex. Please note that children in Grade 6 must be referred by **March** to ensure all assessment activities are completed before the end of the school year.

Referrals **MUST** come from the school team that supports the child.

SCIP values caregiver involvement in all planning, reviews, and decisions about the child's service. While we do not work directly with the child, we work closely with caregivers to help the child succeed. Services may include:

- Assessment
- Service coordination
- Parent/caregiver skill-building
- Access to consultation with a pediatrician or child and adolescent psychiatrist (if needed)

We serve families from diverse backgrounds and aim to be accessible, flexible and respectful of individual beliefs and customs. Interpreters are available when needed. Please let the SCIP Consultant know about any special considerations.

Service Goals

- Address your concerns and hopes for the child
- Increase understanding of the issues affecting the child and family
- Connect families with community services and resources
- Support caregivers in advocating for their child at school
- Strengthening child and family resilience

Who We Serve

Children who may have challenges such as:

- Attention difficulties
- Hyperactivity / impulsivity
- Noncompliance, defiance, or frequent arguments
- School refusal or underachievement
- Emotional dysregulation, mood swings, withdrawal, or depression
- Low frustration tolerance
- Difficulty with social skills or relationships
- Anxiety, fear, or feeling overwhelmed
- Persistent anger or resentment

Who We Do NOT Serve

SCIP is not the right program for:

- Children requiring intensive treatment (e.g., live-in treatment, crisis support)
- Children in the justice system
- Children already receiving similar, active mental health services
- Children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Children experiencing substance abuse issues
- Children with intellectual functioning below the 2nd percentile
- Children whose parents/guardians are in a custody dispute and cannot provide consent
- Children with significant barriers to service at the time of referral / intake
- Children displaying highly aggressive or disruptive behaviours

Benefits of SCIP

- Better understanding of the child's needs
- Strategies to address behaviours at school
- Information about other services and resources
- Supporting families in connecting to services
- Increased resilience for the child and family

Possible Risks

While SCIP aims to provide a safe and supportive environment, challenges may include:

- No improvement in family functioning if participation is limited or goals conflict
- Unmet needs or unaddressed concerns
- Emotional discomfort when discussing sensitive issues

Questions?

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