



# THE HINCKS-DELLCREST CENTRE

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## SITE DESCRIPTION

The Hincks-Dellcrest Centre is a community-based multi-disciplinary children's mental health facility. Its mission is to promote optimal mental health in children (aged birth to 18 yrs.) and their families and to contribute to the achievement of healthy communities. It is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services, as well as by the United Way, businesses, and individuals. A comprehensive range of services is offered, from primary prevention, early intervention, outpatient, and day treatment, to long-term residential and mandated (i.e., Young Offender) services. Patients are seen at various locations in Toronto, and a rural treatment program is located near Collingwood. Last year, over 5500 children and families were served. The Center provides a comprehensive range of training for students in psychiatry, psychology, and social work, as well as nursing, child/youth work, art therapy, and other allied health disciplines. Inter-professional education is a cornerstone of the approach taken, and is offered at undergraduate, postgraduate, and advanced (Fellowship) levels.

## EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Drs. Diane Philipp and Susan Dundas exchanged educational portfolios, with the former assuming Postgraduate responsibilities, and the latter assuming Undergraduate responsibilities. Dr. Elsa Broder's outstanding contribution as Medical Director of the Divisional Telepsychiatry Program for Underserved Areas was recognized by the naming of a suite in her honour, at the new studio on University Avenue. The Centre launched an on-line resource for primary school teachers called, "The ABC's of Mental Health", which provides information on the recognition of mental illness in children from Grades 1-8.

## RESEARCH TRAINING AT HINCKS-DELLCREST

Dr. Fataneh Farnia is a Research Fellow at Hincks-Dellcrest Centre as well as in the Department of Psychiatry. Under the supervision of Dr. Nancy Cohen, she is extending work on the association between language impairment and child psychopathology.

Dr Cohen also has an adjunct appointment to the graduate faculty of OISE/UT, Department of Human Development and Applied Psychology, and to the Department of Psychiatry of York University.

## RESEARCH

Dr. Nancy Cohen completed findings from the CIHR funded longitudinal study of infants adopted from China and are being disseminated in manuscripts and oral presentations. CIHR and the Centre of Excellence for Child and Youth Mental Health at CHEO have funded a study on higher order language in adolescents presenting for psychiatric service, which is in progress with Drs. M. Korenblum, F. Farnia, Z. Yaghoub Zadeh, & N. Im-Bolter. The Handle with Care training program directed at promoting mental health in community-based child care settings is currently being evaluated with a grant from the ALVA Foundation. The Handle with Care booklets is still in demand and distributed nationally. Over 20,000 of these booklets have been distributed across Canada.

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