

# Referral Criteria – Communication and Writing Aids Service (CWAS)

## Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)

### PLEASE READ THROUGH CAREFULLY

CWAS' **Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)** service **provides support for both face to face and written communication** for clients whose speech does not meet their everyday needs. As an Assistive Device Program (ADP) clinic, CWAS can authorize ADP funding when clinically recommended.

**CWAS services the Toronto, Durham, York and Simcoe regions with the following exceptions:**

**CLIENT LIVES IN TORONTO** and meets both of the following criteria

- Can use fingers to point/press button
- Has a diagnosis of Developmental Disability (DD) or an associated syndrome

Consult Surrey Place's referral criteria

**CLIENT LIVES IN YORK OR SIMCOE** and

- Can use fingers to point/press buttons

Consult Children's Treatment Network's referral criteria

**In order to be eligible for CWAS' AAC Referral, the client must meet ALL of the following criteria:**

- Unable to speak or whose speech is unclear or limited
- Under the age of 19 (at the time of referral)
- Is working with or has access to speech language pathology consultation

**and ONE or MORE of the following:**

Client has significant vision needs

Client has difficulty using fingers to point/press buttons

Client is able to use fingers to point / press buttons

**AND**

Can **independently** and **functionally** use **10** symbols *within or across* word classes (e.g. verbs, nouns, adjectives, pronouns) on a communication system (i.e. board, book or device) to express at least 3 different topics (e.g. food, toys, places) with 2 or more partners

**OR**

Can use any combination of gestures and/or signs to express novel messages and whose receptive language is within normal limits

**If client DOES NOT meet any of the above CWAS' AAC referral criteria,** please refer to community speech-language services (e.g. preschool, school board)

Please use the referral form online at: [hollandbloorview.ca/referrals](http://hollandbloorview.ca/referrals)

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**Holland Bloorview**  
Kids Rehabilitation Hospital

**PHYSICIAN REFERRAL FORM – OUTPATIENT SERVICES**

Please complete all sections of this form as incomplete forms will result in processing delays.

**NOTE: This information will be shared with Holland Bloorview staff as required.**

**Family is aware of the reason for this referral - Yes • (must be checked) Referral Date: \_\_\_\_\_(dd/mm/yy)**

**CLIENT INFORMATION:**

Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ o Male o Female  
Day / Month / Year

Is an interpreter required? o Yes o No Language spoken: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, would over-the-phone interpretation be possible for this client (i.e. is hearing/speaking an issue?) o Yes o No

Client Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel.: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Version Code: \_ o Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP) o

Health Card In Process

Client lives with: o Both parents o Father o Mother o Guardian o Independent o Group Home o Other:

**PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S): (if different from client address)**

**Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. (home): \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. (work): \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. (cell): \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. (home): \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. (work): \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. (cell): \_\_\_\_\_

**AGENCIES/PROFESSIONALS CURRENTLY INVOLVED:**

Agency (eg. Child Protection, Community)

Professional (eg. OT, SLT, Psychologist)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL INFORMATION:**

Primary Diagnosis: Is this a degenerative condition? Yes No

Other Diagnoses:

Does this client require any special infectious disease precautions? Yes No

If yes, what for: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical History/Allergies:

Taking Medication:  Yes  No

Risks (i.e. frequent falls)

Reason for Referral/Concern/Goals:

Use check box for referral:

- Query Autism
- Acquired Brain Injury Rehabilitation
- Concussion Clinic
- Cleft Lip & Palate Speech Language Pathology
- Clinical Seating
- Infant Development Services
- Neuromotor (e.g. cerebral palsy, global developmental delay, Retts)
- Psychopharmacology\* (additional forms required)
- Neuromuscular (e.g. muscular dystrophy)
- Feeding\* (additional forms required)

- Spinal Cord Injury
- Communication & Writing Aids Services
  - Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC)
  - Writing Aids (WA)
- Orthotics (including protective headwear)
- Prosthetics (including myoelectric & cosmetic)
- Spina Bifida

**Dental Services:**

- Cleft Lip & Palate (general anesthesia available for qualifying clients)

\*Pre-assessment forms are required with the referral. Click here:

Feeding: <http://hollandbloorview.ca/programsandservices/programsservicesaz/feedingservices>

Psychopharmacology: <http://hollandbloorview.ca/programsandservices/ProgramsServicesAZ/Psychopharmacologyclinic>

REFERRING M.D./D.D.S. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

OHIP Billing Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fax your completed Referral Form to Appointment Services: (416) 422-7036**