

Early Reading Concerns- Screening and Caregiver Support

September 26th & October 3rd, 4:30pm – 6:00pm

Caregivers & Children September 26th, Caregivers ONLY October 3rd

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Who is the Early Reading Concerns - Screening and Caregiver Support program for?

This program is designed for caregivers who are concerned about the reading skills of children in **Grade 1 through Grade 3**. You may notice that your child often:

- Misreads common words (such as “when”, “their” “people”)
- Has difficulty sounding out words
- Skips words, rushes through words, or “makes up” words while reading

You or your child’s teacher may be wondering if your child has dyslexia or a learning disability.

What happens in this program?

This program is a screening program for children and a support program for caregivers. The program is conducted by Psychology PhD students under the supervision of a Registered Psychologist.

On the first day, caregivers AND children both attend. Caregivers attend a workshop on reading difficulties, while children participate in a 1 to 1 reading screening assessment. On the second day, *just* caregivers attend. In the second session, caregivers receive the feedback about their child’s assessment and learn more about how to help their child with reading difficulties at home.

Based on the screening, eligible children may be offered the opportunity to take part in additional assessment or reading support as needed.

What will the caregiver workshops cover?

Caregiver workshops will, at minimum, cover the following topics:

- What are reading difficulties?
- What are learning disabilities?
- How can I help my child with reading difficulties at home?

What will the screening assessment include?

The screening assessment will include (when possible) tests of:

- Word reading and decoding (reading and sounding out words)
- Knowledge of phonics and sight words (letter patterns and common words)

If there is time, the assessment may also include tests of:

- Reading fluency (reading sentences and stories)
- Phonological awareness (identifying sounds and sound parts in words)
- Vocabulary (knowing the meaning of words)
- Listening comprehension (understanding and remembering spoken information)
- Spelling

How much does the program cost?

Screening and Caregiver Support Sessions - \$250.00

Fees are collected by the beginning of the first workshop. Accessibility of our services is very important to us, and we can accommodate individual financial circumstances. Our Office Manager, Rachel Patterson, can tell you more about our Fee Adjustment Application if needed.

This program is provided under the supervision of a Registered Psychologist, so some people may be able to claim it through private insurance. We do not bill insurance companies directly.

Will a report be provided?

After the screening, parents will receive a brief report summarizing the findings.

Will a diagnosis be provided? What are the limitations of a screening assessment?

The purpose of this program is to help with the early identification of reading difficulties and to identify areas of strength and need for your child. It is not a psychoeducational or psychological assessment. No diagnosis will be provided. You may share the results with your child's school, and they may be used to help determine how to help your child at school. However, the results of this assessment do not guarantee any special programming or services. It is not likely that this assessment will qualify a child for special education services.

How do I sign up?

To sign up for the program: https://uwo.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0TX3clpUhZaqJ0y
Space is limited so please register as soon as possible if you are interested.

Questions?

Please contact Rachel Patterson at rpatte42@uwo.ca or 519-661-4257.