

St.Amant Autism Programs Enhanced Consultative Services FAQ

1. What is the St.Amant Autism Programs Enhanced Consultative Services?

This is a school based referral service that provides support for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) who have previously participated in the St.Amant Autism Programs.

2. What services are available for schools in the St.Amant Autism Programs Enhanced Consultative Services?

There are three general types of service options available.

- a. **Consultation:** intermittent support to the student and/or education team in the form of recommendations, participation in Individual planning meetings, or goal/skill development.
- b. **Individual Interventions:** individualized behavioural treatment planning and implementation, skill development and/or support to decrease challenging behaviours.
- c. **Workshops:** presentations to the education team about Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA), Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), challenging behaviours, increasing communication skills, social skills, etc.

Upon referral, St.Amant staff will work with the school and the family to determine which option or options are most appropriate for the student.

3. Who is eligible for the Enhanced Consultative services?

All students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) who have previously participated in the St.Amant Autism Programs are eligible to receive support. This includes students who have participated in the Early Learning Autism Program (ELAP), the School-Age Learning Program (SALP), the Consultative Classroom Support (CCS), and/or the Pre-Kindergarten Classroom.

4. Who makes the referral for the Enhanced Consultative Services?

The referral for the Enhanced Consultative Services should be made by the student's divisional representative, the Student Services Administrator/Consultant (SSA/SSC), in collaboration with the education team. Parents are encouraged to work with their child's education team to prepare a referral.

5. How does the Student Services Administrator (SSA) make a referral for the Enhanced Consultative Services?

- Refer using the Enhanced Consultative Services referral form which has been sent to all Student Services Administrators (SSA) in Manitoba. The form can be sent to:

Central Intake, St.Amant, 440 River Road, Winnipeg, Manitoba R2M 3Z9

- Refer by accessing our electronic form found online at www.stamant.ca under Services / Autism Services/Enhanced Consultative Services
- Refer by calling St.Amant Central Intake at (204) 258-7041

6. When can schools refer for the Enhanced Consultative Services?

Referrals can be submitted at any time.

7. Is there a cost for Enhanced Consultative Services from St.Amant Autism programs?

The St.Amant Autism Programs Enhanced Consultative Services is offered to schools at no cost as the funding for this service is provided by the Government of Manitoba.

8. When can schools expect the support to begin and who will be involved?

- a. The Autism Programs will prioritize referrals upon receipt and will review all referrals on a monthly basis. We will communicate with your school once the referral is ready to be activated.
- b. An Autism Consultant will be supporting schools that have referred to the Enhanced Consultative Services. In some cases the Autism Consultant may receive additional support from an Autism Senior Tutor.

9. Will referrals for the Enhanced Consultative Services be activated on a first-come first-served basis? How will referrals be prioritized?

All referrals received will be prioritized according to a number of factors including (but not limited to) the urgency of need for intervention, availability of resources to support the referral, and past involvement of the consulting team. Should there be a waitlist for the Enhanced Consultative Services, all referrals that are pending will be reviewed on a monthly basis and reprioritized as appropriate.

10. What will the Autism Consultant do? How often will they come to the school?

- a. The Autism Consultant working with the student's education team will have varying tasks based on the needs of the student's individual situation. For example, support may be as little as phone calls to review recommendations, participation in planning meetings, and suggestions for skill development. Support could also require a more in-depth analysis of the student's needs such as behavioural assessment, a treatment plan, and regular monitoring of the goals.
- b. The number and length of the Autism Consultant/Autism Senior Tutor's visits will also vary based on the model of service that is most appropriate for the unique student's needs.

11. Can the school refer more than once for the same student?

- a. Yes. Should the goals of the initial Consultation / Individual intervention be met and the student is discharged, the school can always refer again if support is needed in the future.

12. Who can I call if I have questions about the Enhanced Consultative Services?

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