



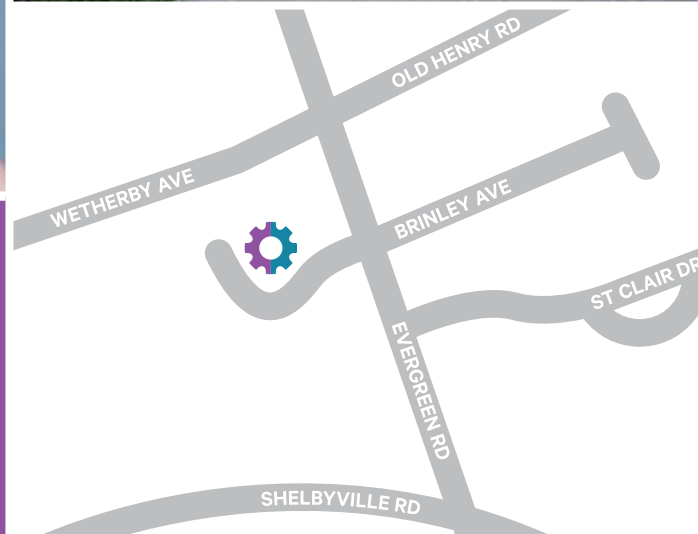
## Who We Are

We offer high-quality pediatric occupational therapy services provided by well-trained, experienced therapists. As part of this mission, we offer resources, education, support, and encouragement to parents and families.

Our state-of-the-art facility features a large selection of therapeutic equipment to help each child meet his or her goals.

Our thorough evaluation process consists of standardized assessments, written reports, individualized treatment plans, and parent communication. Every evaluation includes a no-charge parent conference with the therapist to review the results and answer questions.

For more information, contact one of our experienced pediatric therapists.



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## SENSORY PROCESSING DISORDER



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Sensory Processing Disorder, also called Sensory Integration Dysfunction, is an inability to pull together and understand (or process) sensory input.

We receive and perceive sensory input through sights, sounds, touch, tastes, smells, and movement. Difficulty taking in or interpreting this input can lead to problems with daily functioning, relationships, self-regulation, self-esteem, behavior, and learning.

Everyone experiences difficulties with pulling together sensory input at one time or another, particularly during periods of growth, change, or stress. However, people who have Sensory Processing Disorder experience these difficulties consistently throughout most of their day. This impacts their performance at home, at school, at work, and at play.



## Signs and Symptoms

- Impulsiveness, Lack of Self-Control
- Hyper/Hyposensitivity to Touch, Sight, Sound, Smell, Taste, and/or Movement
- Problems with Muscle Tone/Motor Coordination
- Problems with Motor Planning (Praxis)
- An Unusually High or Low Activity Level
- Poor Eye-Hand Coordination
- Difficulty Establishing Hand Dominance
- Intense Reactions to Unfamiliar Environments
- Difficulty With Transitions
- Poor Frustration Tolerance
- Self-Regulation Problems
- Academic Problems
- Difficulty Tolerating a Variety of Food Textures
- Clumsiness and Carelessness
- Discomfort in Group Situations
- Increased Frequency and Intensity of Tantrums
- Poor Play Skills; Poor Social Skills



## What Can Be Done?

A child with Sensory Processing Disorder may be helped through treatment by a qualified pediatric occupational therapist – one who is trained in using equipment and techniques to address the underlying sensory issues.