

Lambton County Early Identification Service Provider and Service Description			
Service Provider	Children/Clients Served	Service Description	Referral Process
Phone Number			
Best Start	Children 0-12 years	Maternal, newborn and early child development centre with family drop-ins, literacy & parenting programs. Child care, before and after school, wrap-around care, school readiness and more.	All services are FREE . Transportation assistance is available. Parent can access by calling or visiting centres.
Children's Aid Society	Children 0-18 years and their families.	Children's Aid Society investigates, gathers information and makes an assessment to determine whether a child needs protection. The Eligibility Spectrum covers concerns of child neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse and emotional abuse.	Any professional who suspects a child may be in need of protection must provide 1st person reports to CAS. 519 336-0623
County of Lambton Community Health Services & Children's Services Dept. <i>(Best Start partner)</i>	Prenatal and postnatal services for families with children 0-6 years of age.	Healthy Babies, Healthy Children is a voluntary program that emphasizes prevention and early intervention. Preconception, prenatal and postnatal education, parent education and workshops, nutrition education program, dental screening and education.	Referrals are accepted directly from clients or from other community professionals involved with the family. (Client permission required).
Family Counselling Centre <i>(Best Start partner)</i>	Variety of professional counselling, support, prevention and coordination services.	STARRing Point is a single point of access for all children's residential placements made by the community. Families And Schools Together (F&ST) is an early intervention prevention program.	There are no fees for many of the programs/services. All referrals must have legal guardian's consent.
Ontario Early Years Centres (OYEC) ▪ Sarnia-Lambton ▪ Lambton/Kent/Middlesex <i>(Best Start partner)</i>	Parents, grandparents and caregivers with children 0-6 years who want a chance to get involved with other adults with young children.	Programs are designed to help children 0-6 years achieve optimal cognitive, physical, emotional and social development and provide support, education and referral services for their families.	All services are FREE . Transportation assistance is available. Parent can access by calling or visiting centres.
Pathways Health Centre For Children <i>(Best Start partner)</i>	Children with physical, developmental or communicative needs. Individual, family-based services; Infancy-19 years.	Services include audiology, augmentative communication, behaviour therapy, early childhood education resource support services, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, respite services, seating and mobility, social work, speech-language pathology and therapeutic recreation. Blind/Low Vision Program, Infant Hearing Program.	All services are FREE . Referrals are received from parents, physicians, and other service providers. Referrals must have consent of legal guardian.
SoundStart Lambton Preschool Speech & Language Program <i>(Best Start partner)</i>	New referrals with speech and language difficulties are accepted until March 31 st of the year a child is eligible to attend senior kindergarten.	SoundStart is a pre-school speech and language program for children in Lambton County.	All services are FREE . Referrals are received from parents, physicians, other service providers. Referrals must have consent of legal guardian.
Southwest Region – Thames Valley Children's Centre	Children and young adults with autism spectrum disorders, physical disabilities and developmental delays.	Regional rehabilitation centre providing assessment, diagnosis, consultation and therapy to help young people reach their potential in terms of independence, self esteem and participation in society.	All services are FREE . Referrals are received from parents, physicians and other service providers. Referrals must have consent of legal guardian.
St. Clair Child & Youth Services ▪ Children's Mental Health Centre <i>(Best Start partner)</i>	Children and youth with emotional/social/behavioural needs. Newborn-18 years.	Prevention, assessment & treatment services for children, youth & families with or at-risk for emotional, social, behavioural mental health needs. Ages 0-6 years: Interactive parent-infant programs, in-home developmental screening, programming & parent support; family support for children with Downs Syndrome. Mobile early identification & intervention program. OEYC Unique Satellite (Lochiel Family Drop-In Centre and Outreach).	All services are FREE . Referrals must have legal guardian's consent. Transportation available to Lochiel Family Drop-In Centre. 519 337-3701 www.stclairchild.ca

18-Month Visit Developmental Screening Chart

