

- The Screening Committee (made up of the MCFD Liaison Analyst, the MCFD Quality Service Manager, and the BSS Program Coordinator) will review the referrals to ensure that they meet the eligibility Criteria (listed in Step 1).
- The screening committee makes one of two decisions:
 - If the child or adolescent meets the eligibility criteria, they are placed onto Gateway's BSS waitlist.
 - If the child or adolescent does not meet the eligibility criteria, the MCFD Liaison Analyst will follow up with the family's MCFD social worker in order to obtain the appropriate information.

STEP 3: CONTACT WITH GATEWAY SOCIETY.

If the family has been accepted into Gateway's BSS program, the BSS office will send the family a confirmation letter and an information package. This information package outlines the services that the family may be able to access.

CONTACTS

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 (604) 946-8429
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Gateway Behavioural Support Services –
 Northern, BC
 1023 LaSalle Ave.
 Prince George, BC V2L 4J6
 (250) 561-1194
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Ministry of Children & Family Development*
 171-1600 15th Avenue
 Prince George, BC V2L 3X3
 (250) 565-6904

Ministry of Children & Family Development*
 10615-102nd Street
 Fort St. John BC V1J 5L3
 (250) 263-0121

Ministry of Children & Family Development*
 400-4545 LaZelle Avenue
 Terrace, BC V8G 4E1
 (250) 638-2330

Ministry of Children & Family Development*
 280d N. Mackenzie Avenue
 Williams Lake BC V2G 1N6
 (250) 398-4963

* If you are not in one of these communities, you can call:
 1-800-663-7867



Behavioural Support Services (NORTHERN, BC)

Serving families of children and
adolescents with an Autism
Spectrum Disorder

Referral Process



BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT SERVICES

Gateway Behavioural Support Services (BSS) offers positive, proactive, behavioural support programs to families whose children and adolescents have been diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder and who are between the ages of 6 and 19. Gateway's BSS program provides services to families at no cost to the family. The Gateway BSS program is funded by the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD).

The primary objective of the BSS program is to enhance the individual's quality of life through assisting the parents with communication training, sensory integration, skill training and the systematic use of positive behavioural intervention. Behavioural Consultants design, monitor and evaluate individualized program plans that are specific to each child and their needs. The BSS program is not a one on one interventionist service.

The Gateway BSS program is connected to most areas of the province. BSS main offices are located in Delta and Prince George. There are also outreach offices that serve remote and isolated communities in Northern B.C.

STEP 1: DO YOU QUALIFY?

In order to qualify for services through the BSS program, the child or adolescent must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be between the ages of 6 and 19.
- Have a diagnosis of one of the following:
 - Autism
 - Developmental Disability with Autistic Characteristics and/or Behavioural Challenges.
 - Asperger's Syndrome
 - Pervasive Developmental Disorder – Not Otherwise Specified
 - Fragile X Syndrome
 - Rett Syndrome
 - Mucopolysaccharidoses
 - Tuberous Sclerosis
 - Phenylketonuria
 - Congenital Rubella Syndrome
 - Cornelia de Lange Syndrome
- The diagnosis must be given by either a Pediatrician, Neurologist, Psychiatrist or a registered Psychologist.
- The diagnosis must be supported by either:
 - A BCAAN Clinical Outcome (PANTER) Form.
 - A diagnostic assessment report, signed by the diagnostician(s) that clearly states the qualifying diagnosis and the supporting assessment results (such as DSM Axis 1 label).

STEP 2: HOW DO I REFER?

Gateway's BSS program serves children and adolescents that are referred to the program by MCFD. In order to ensure proper referral to the BSS program, the following steps must be completed:

- The family must go to the MCFD Office and discuss referring to the BSS program with a Facilitator.
- The family must sign Gateway's release of information form.
- The family must complete a Gateway BSS referral form and give it to their Facilitator along with the child or adolescent's assessment report (or BCAAN/PANTER Form) and the release of information form.
- The Facilitator will pass the release of information form, referral form and diagnostic information to the MCFD Liaison Analyst.
- The MCFD Liaison Analyst will bring the referral information to the next BSS screening meeting.