

**CKFTO-REPSOL Teachers' Workshop**

*Aug 11/12 2011 (RC-LRC)*

**(Some) Professionals who deal with Children with Disabilities & their Families**

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<b>DIAGNOSTICS &amp; EVALUATION (Some Overlap may exist between professional performing evaluation &amp; those performing interventions)</b>	
Type of Provider	Description
Audiologist	A health care professional who specializes in the branch of science, especially the diagnosis and treatment of individuals with hearing loss or impairment.
Child Adolescent Psychiatrist	A medical doctor who specializes in mental health and psychiatric problems in children, teenagers and their families. They can prescribe medications.
Psychologist (Clinical /Educational/Developmental)	A professional with specialized training an area of psychology (a field of science that studies the mind and behaviors). They may perform appropriate standardized evaluations of educational and academic abilities , provide counseling or special therapy for children , teens
Developmental Behavioral Pediatrician (DBP)	A medical doctor, trained in paediatrics and provides evaluations and treatments in the medical and psychosocial aspects of infant's, children's & teenagers developmental & behavioral problems children, teenagers and their families. They can prescribe medications.
Medical Geneticist	Trained professional who can help to choose appropriate tests to diagnose genetic (inborn & inherited) conditions, help with genetic testing and genetic counseling.
Neurologist	A medical doctor who specializes in the treatment and care of persons with problems of the brain and nervous system. They can prescribe medications.
Ophthalmologist	A medical doctor who specializes in the medical and surgical treatment diseases and problems of the eyes. They can prescribe medications.
Optometrist	A trained allied health professional who provides primary vision care e.g. testing of sight and correcting vision (e.g. with glasses or contact lenses). They do not do surgery or prescribe
Paediatrician	A medical doctor who specializes in the treatment and care of infants, children and adolescents. They can prescribe medications.
Special Educator	A specially trained educator who performs academic skills evaluations and to help plan specific strategies & techniques & accommodations for "special needs child" in classroom to help child to learn better
<b>INTERVENTIONISTS (FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS and/or DISABILITIES) (Some Overlap may exist between professional performing evaluation &amp; those performing interventions)</b>	
Behavioral Therapist	A trained mental health professional who uses special techniques to help to alter undesirable behaviours in children & adults
Developmental Therapist	Trained allied health professional who performs various assessments of development and sets up management plans to help child to improve in areas of weakness, at home &at school
Family Therapist	A trained mental health professional who provides specialized therapy for families, in order to bring about positive changes
Occupational Therapist	An allied health professional who performs fine-motor skills evaluations persons and set up interventions to improve self-help skills or activities of daily living, handwriting tasks, hand-eye coordination and to promote self-regulation and greater independence
Physiotherapist	An allied health professional who performs motor skills evaluations on a wide variety of persons of all age ranges, and types injuries & disabilities. Provides treatment (therapy) designed to help someone with difficulty with physical movement, to help improve muscle strength, range of motion, and motor skills, mobility and independence
Psychologist (Clinical /Educational/Developmental)	A professional with specialized training an area of psychology(a field of science that studies the mind and behaviors). They may perform appropriate standardized evaluations of educational and academic abilities , provide counseling or special therapy for children , teens
Social Worker (Medical or Psychiatric or School)	Trained allied health professional who provides counseling and emotional support for of children (with disabilities & families)
Special Educator	A specially trained educator who performs academic skills evaluations and to help plan specific strategies & techniques & accommodations for "special needs child" in classroom to help child to learn better
Speech-Language Pathologist	Trained allied health professional who evaluates performs therapy (interventions) for speech , language & communication skills challenges

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