



# FIREFLY



## ENTRY TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

**Entry to School is a partnership program between FIREFLY, Giishkaandago'lkwe Health Services, Kenora Association for Community Living, Kenora Chiefs Advisory, Kenora-Rainy River Districts Child and Family Services, Sioux Lookout First Nation Health Authority and all local school boards.**



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### **What is Entry to School?**

Entry To School (ETS) is a free program for Ontario Autism Program (OAP) clients that helps facilitates a smooth transition into school for children with Autism. The program is offered in partnership with those listed above, and will be implemented in two phases, as outlined below. Eligible clients will be sent an invitation in their Access OAP Portal, which then must be provided to FIREFLY.

#### **Phase One - Intervention**

The first phase of the program runs for 6 months, and builds School Readiness Skills with daily programming provided by the ETS Team. This team consists of a BCBA, an ABA Therapist, OT and SLP services. School Readiness Skills include: Communication, Play Skills, Social Interactions, Functional Routines, Behaviour and Self-Management, and Pre-Academics.

#### **Phase Two - Transition**

The second phase is a transition into the school setting. During this time, transition supports and consultation will be provided to the family and school team by the ETS Team, as needed for up to 6 months. Transition supports may include resource development, school visits, consultations and observations, attendance at meetings, planning and problem-solving, and capacity building supports for school staff, such as modelling or staff training.

#### **Who is Eligible?**

You must...

- Be registered with Ontario Autism Program (OAP) to enter this program.
- Have received an invitation in their Access OAP Portal, which will then be provided to FIREFLY.
- Be between the ages of 3 and 6, entering Kindergarten or Grade 1 for the FIRST time.
- Be from one of the communities FIREFLY or our partner agencies service (this includes Far North Communities).



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