

## Elective in Community Developmental Pediatrics at Lansdowne (Brantford)

### **For Whom?**

The elective will take place in 3rd - 4th year for pediatrics residents interested in community consulting practice looking for additional training in developmental behavioural pediatrics.

1st or 2nd year residents are encouraged to schedule a 1-2 week elective in 1st or 2nd year to get an experience of “community developmental pediatrics” that may help them decide to return for 3 months over 3rd - 4th year.

### **What?**

A hands on, preceptor-based experience with graduated independence based on competency in community developmental behavioural pediatrics. The elective will occur 4 days a week. 4 days of clinic per week is meant to allow the residents flexibility to attend their academic day. Allowances will be made for post call and call responsibilities in general. The three months may occur continuously or split into 1-2 months blocks over 3rd and 4th years. Two months is acceptable as well, but three months considered optimal to allow the resident as much independence as possible.

The experience includes history taking, developmental observation and direct testing, case formulation, diagnosis, planning intervention and multidisciplinary work with the array of professionals who support children with delays and disabilities (i.e. Nurse, OT, PT, SLP, Teachers, School Administrators, Early Intervention, Resource Early Childhood Education, Autism, Service Coordination).

### **Where?**

The elective will be based at Lansdowne Children’s Centre (Children’s Treatment Centre) in Brantford, Ontario. Developmental pediatrics at Lansdowne Children’s Centre is an official training site of McMaster University Department of Pediatrics. Case conferencing occurs at schools and other community sites such as CAS and children’s mental health agencies.

### **Why?**

To enhance skills and knowledge in developmental behavioural pediatrics applicable to community consultant pediatrics in a competency-based experience.

### **How?**

Residents are encouraged to discuss this elective with their Program Director. Dr. Ben Klein, Developmental Pediatrician at Lansdowne and member of the Division of Developmental Pediatrics at McMaster, supervises the elective and can be reached at [benjamin.klein@medportal.ca](mailto:benjamin.klein@medportal.ca). It is preferable to schedule the elective at least 6-12 months in advance.