Introduction

The SRSP is a North Vancouver School District program that offers a multidisciplinary service for elementary school students with social, emotional, behavioural and mental health challenges.

The purposes of this service is to provide consultation, treatment, and support that:

- is short term (16 to 20 weeks)
- is intensive
- has parent engagement
- involves community agencies

The SRSP program provides support for students who are experiencing moderate to severe challenges that impede their ability to function successfully in their home school.

Our objectives are:

- To provide consultation and short term intervention to schools in the NVSD in order to help children remain successfully in their home school.
- To provide a safe and supportive school environment that offers children a chance to learn to control their behaviour, gain self-esteem, and develop the social skills necessary to allow them to attend their home school full time.
- To work collaboratively as a multi-disciplinary team with families to enhance and strengthen their skills in supporting their children in the school, home, and community.

Students attend for 4 half days Monday through Thursday and attend their home school at other times. The aim is to provide a structured therapeutic environment where students are taught strategies for self regulation, social skills and self advocacy, that they can generalize back to their home school classroom.

Referral Process

Students are referred to SRSP from the School Based Resource Team at their home school. Prior to referral the student must have well documented evidence of having received additional assessment and intervention in their home school. This typically includes:

- A Functional Assessment of Behaviour
- An Individual Education Plan with appropriate behaviour goals, objectives and strategies
- Additional support such as Counselling, Learning Assistance, learning and/or behaviour support worker directed support
- Involvement with outside agencies such as Child and Adolescent Program (CAP)

Students attending SRSP will already have a Ministry Special Education Designation.

All SRSP referrals come from the School Based case manager to the Director of Instruction, Learning Services. The referral package can be found on Forms Central. Parental involvement is critical as parents must agree to their child attending SRSP as well as to involvement with Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH). Parents must call the VCH intake line:

604-904-4336

A phone interview will be completed to determine which services can be offered to support a child and family. This interview is not done to assure SRSP placement but to determine what services can or will be provided to support the child and their family.

SRSP and CAP Services May Include:

- Student enrolment in SRSP half day program
- Primary: Mon.-Thurs. 12:30-3:00pm
- Intermediate: Mon.-Thurs. 8:45-11:30am
- Behaviour Support Worker from The Child and Adolescent Program (CAP) teaching social skills lessons at SRSP
- Consultation with a psychiatrist
- Parent Groups
- Social skills groups
- Cool Kids
- Play Therapy
- Family Therapy
- One to one behaviour support (referred by a clinician)
- Psycho-educational assessment
- Focussed academic instruction that is appropriately differentiated according to the student’s abilities, strengths and needs

SRSP Staffing Includes:

- Director of Instruction, Learning Services
- Special Education Teacher
- School Counsellor
- Behaviour Support Workers
- District Administration (Eastview Vice Principal)
- Child and Adolescent Program Staff: ~ Behaviour Support Worker ~ Psychiatrists ~ Psychologist ~ Clinician

Consultation is provided on request to schools throughout the North Vancouver School District. Consultation services regarding a student’s behaviour may take many forms including:

- IEP development
- Attendance at SBRT
- Observations
- Assessment
- Behaviour plans
- Classroom strategies

Support and assistance is provided to staff at the child’s home school prior to SRSP entry. Follow up support is provided to schools and students upon discharge from SRSP. Students re-integrate into their school slowly, over a two week period where support is provided through the Behaviour Support Worker. Ongoing monitoring and consultation is also provided on an as-needed basis.

SRSP Service in Schools

For questions about the SRSP program please contact your home school, visit our website www.sd44.ca or refer to the Inclusive Education 44 Learning Services Handbook or Social Responsibility Support Program Guide