#### What is PBIRT?

A team that helps children or young people who have an acquired brain injury.

An acquired brain injury refers to an event leading to damage to a child's brain some time after birth due to:

- Trauma
  - o Car accident
  - o Bike accident
  - o Fall
  - o Assault, etc
- Infection
  - o Meningitis
  - o Encephalitis, etc
- Disruption of blood flow / oxygen to brain
  - o Stroke
  - o Drowning
  - o Poisoning, etc

### What does the service provide?

The service may include (but is not limited to) any of the following:

- 1. Helping the child in hospital, at home and at school.
- 2. Helping with movement and balance.
- 3. Helping with every day living skills.
- 4. Helping the child with their learning and thinking.
- 5. Helping with speech and communication.
- 6. Assisting with behaviour difficulties.
- 7. Review of medical needs.
- 8. Providing information to families and other support people.
- 9. Helping the child to take part in recreation and social activities.
- 10. Arranging other support services needed for the child and the family.
- 11. Providing or arranging counselling for the child and family members.
- 12. Helping the child to start or leave school.
- 13. Co-ordination of these services

### Who is PBIRT?

The team works together to assist children and young people who will be or are attending school. The children have a significant and ongoing difficulty resulting from an acquired brain injury.

#### The team members are::

- Administration Officer
- Case Manager
- Clinical Nurse Consultant
- Neurologist
- Neuropsychologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Physiotherapist
- Social Worker
- Speech Pathologist

# WHO CAN REFER?

- Family
- School
- General Practitioner
- Acute hospital (public or private)
- Community Health Centre
- Other health professional/ agency

You can make contact by phone, letter, email, fax or in person.

Detailed information regarding the event leading to the brain injury will be required.

A MEMBER OF OUR TEAM WILL BE IN CONTACT.

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