



Thank you for completing the attached a copy of the **Family Needs Self-Report Tool** and its five statements concerning family life.

Please rate each statement on a scale from 1 to 5, from (1) strongly agree to (5) strongly disagree. You may want to qualify your numerical rating with a more detailed description.

## **Family Needs Self-Report Tool: An Overview**

### **The Intent behind the Family Needs Self-Report Tool**

Committed to the principle of family-centered care, Supported Child Development (SCDP) gives families an opportunity to contribute to the process for the distribution of its available resources. This waitlist process strives to be fair and as transparent as possible while respecting the privacy of all families waitlisted for SCDP services.

The **Family Self-Report Tool** is a part of a numerical rating system called the Priority Rating Scale, a method for comparing the needs of families on the SCDP waitlist. Your detailed description of family life, both its strengths and challenges, will help SCDP and other members of your child's team to find ways to address some of your immediate needs.

### **Other possibilities for support**

By completing the Family Needs Self-Report Tool, you are providing insight into your family's needs. The Family Self-Report Tool may provide access to different resources, other than those you are waiting for. Your insights may help the other professionals who are part of your child's multidisciplinary team to be more effective in supporting your family.

As an example, how you respond to the statement: "I/We participate in cultural or recreational activities." may prompt your Supported Child Development consultant to suggest contacting recreation programs that would welcome your child. Depending on your response to the other statements, professionals from your child's team may be able suggest networking opportunities with other parents or recommend that a trusted family friend enroll in an up-coming Respite Worker Course. If there is a social worker on your child's team, you may have another professional resource as you explore different possibilities for reducing some of the stresses of family life.

## **Family Needs Self-Report Tool: An Overview (cont'd)**

The Priority Rating Scale is a method for comparing the needs of families on the SCDP waitlist.

The **Family Needs Self-Report Tool** is one of six considerations that make up the Priority Rating Scale.

### **Adding your responses to the overall Priority Rating Scale**

Your response to the Family Needs Self-Report Tool is one of six considerations that make up the Priority Rating Scale. Your child's age, the intensity of your child's developmental needs, observations made by your child's team plus barriers to your family's access to other community services are the other factors taken into consideration. Time on the waitlist is the sixth.

As SCDP resources become available families are taken from the waitlist depending on the most up-to-date review. Your family's Priority Rating Scale may be reviewed each month along with all families on the waitlist. Changes in the intensity of your child's needs or the length of time your family has been on the SCDP waitlist, both, play an important part.

### **Completing your Family Needs Self-Report Tool**

Once you receive this Family Needs Self-Report Tool from your Supported Child Development consultant, you may choose to complete the tool with or without assistance. It is important that the responses to the tool are a reflection of your point of view. You are encouraged to update this information as your family circumstances change.

**Date of waitlist review:**

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