

**Provincial Preschool Autism Services (PPAS)
Psychology Staff
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Dr. Erika U. Brady

Ph.D., 1998, Temple University

Psychologist, Provincial Preschool Autism Services (PPAS)

Clinical and Research Interests: Assessment, diagnosis, and intervention; developmental delays and/or disorders (e.g., autism spectrum disorders, communication disorders, and attention disorders); learning disabilities; anxiety disorders. Diagnostic and cognitive assessment of children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

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Ms. Katherine Carroll

MASP., 2005, Mount Saint Vincent University

Psychologist, Autism Educator, Provincial Preschool Autism Services

Clinical and Research Interests: Autistic Spectrum Disorders, Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA), Positive Behaviour Support (PBS), Pivotal Response Treatment (PRT).

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Dr. Dorothy Chitty

Ph.D., 2002, University of Manitoba

Psychologist, Provincial and IWK Clinical Leader of Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention, Autism Team

Clinical and Research Interests: Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) with a focus on a pivotal response treatment and positive behavioural support of preschool children with autistic spectrum disorder in their natural environment.

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Dr. Jillian Filliter

Ph.D., 2014, Dalhousie University

Psychologist, Autism Team

Clinical Interests: Assessment of autism spectrum disorder (ASD)

Research Interests: Understanding how children and adolescents with ASD and other neurodevelopmental disabilities (NDDs) access and interact with the health care system; developing system-, provider-, and patient/family-level interventions that will help to ensure that the needs of youth with ASD and other NDDs are met within our health care system; ensuring equitable access to services for individuals with ASD and other NDDs from marginalized populations.

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Dr. Helen Flanagan

Ph.D., 2010, York University

Psychologist, Clinical Leader (Diagnostics), Provincial Preschool Autism Services (PPAS)

Clinical Interests: Assessment and treatment of children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Diagnostic and cognitive assessment. Intervention to build communication and social skills and reduce challenging behaviours.

Research Interests: Evaluation of intervention programs for children with ASD; Developmental course of ASD; Program development and evaluation.

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Ms. Michelle Kerr

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Ms. Shannon-Dell MacPhee

M.A., 2011, McGill University

Psychologist (Autism Diagnostics), Provincial Preschool Autism Services (PPAS)

Clinical/Research Interests: Assessment and diagnosis (autism spectrum disorder, learning disabilities/disorders, intellectual disability, ADHD); intervention and treatment (learning and attention, anxiety, emotion regulation); positive behaviour support; parenting support.

Ms. Brittany Morrison

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Psychologist (Autism Diagnostics), Provincial Preschool Autism Services (PPAS)

Clinical/Research Interests: Assessment & Intervention for children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA), Positive Behaviour Support (PBS), Pivotal Response Treatment (PRT).

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Dr. Sarah Peverill

Ph.D., 2021, Dalhousie University

Psychologist, Provincial Preschool Autism Services (PPAS)

Clinical Interests: Assessment and treatment of children (preschool & school-age) and adolescents with autism spectrum disorder. Additional interests include assessment and treatment of other neurodevelopmental disorders (e.g., ADHD, learning disability, intellectual disability) and mental health concerns (e.g., anxiety, depression, OCD).

Research Interests: not currently engaged in research activities.

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Dr. Alice Prichard

Ph.D., 2011, York University

Psychologist, Clinical Leader (Diagnostics), Provincial Preschool Autism Services (PPAS)

Clinical Interests: Assessment and treatment of children and adolescents with neurodevelopmental disorders, with a particular focus on autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Additional interests include assessment and treatment of mental health and behavioural concerns, including ADHD, anxiety, and OCD.

Research Interests: not currently engaged in research activities.

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Dr. Isabel Smith

Ph.D., 1996, Dalhousie University

Joan & Jack Craig Chair in Autism Research

Clinical Interests: Assessment, treatment of autism spectrum disorders; Developmental disabilities; Parent education.

Research Interests: Autism spectrum disorder: early identification and intervention; natural history / longitudinal studies; physical and mental health co-morbidities; treatment evaluation; health aspects: sleep, feeding, etc.

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