

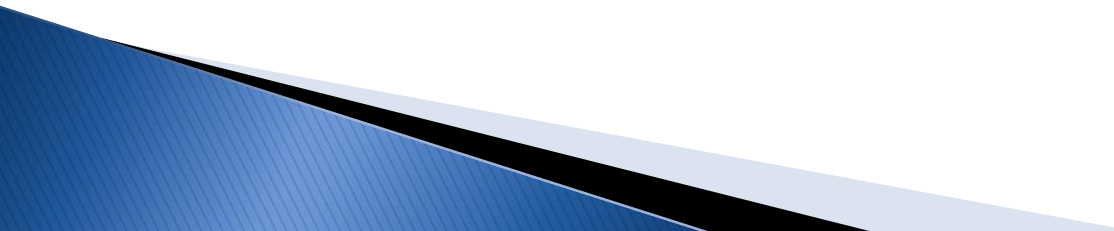


## 25+ Program: Services for the Adult Population with Sensorial Disabilities

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# Presentation

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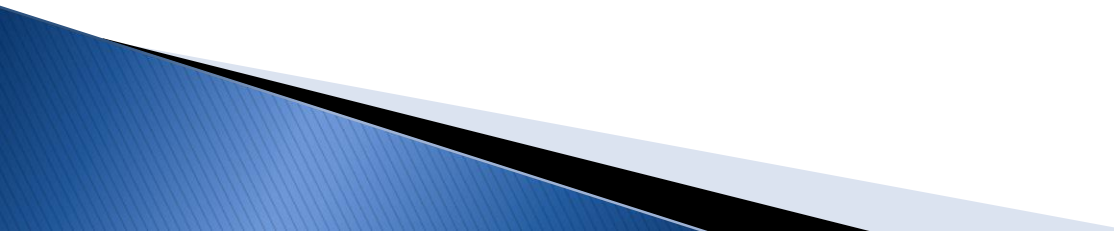
# Mission of LLMRC

- ▶ The mission of the Lethbridge–Layton–Mackay Rehabilitation Centre (LLMRC) is to maximize its clients' autonomy and community participation in order to improve their quality of life.
- ▶ Its mission is realized through the provision of specialized and ultra-specialized adaptation, rehabilitation, and social integration services to persons with a significant and persistent disability.

# 25+ Program: The Team

- Social Workers
  - Low Vision Therapists & Vision Rehabilitation Specialists (SRDV)
  - Orientation & Mobility Specialists (O&M)
  - Occupational Therapists
  - Educators
  - Specialized Educators
  - Audiologists
  - Speech and Language Pathologist
  - Psychologist
  - Clinical Coordinators
  - Administrative Agents
  - Manager
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# 25+ Program: Goal

- ▶ To assist the client to understand the implications of their vision and/or hearing impairment through habilitation and rehabilitation in order to maximize their social participation in society.
  - ▶ The 25+ team strives to empower the client to foster autonomy, improve their quality of life and decrease the level of disability.
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# 25+ Program: DV Client Profiles

- ▶ Lifespan: Young adult–Adult–Older Adult
  - ▶ Congenital and/or acquired conditions
  - ▶ Age related vision / hearing conditions
  - ▶ Ocular pathologies, Neuro–vision pathologies
  - ▶ Tinnutus
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- ▶ Life habit difficulties: school or work related, ADL, communication, parenting/grandparent needs, leisure, interpersonal etc.

# 25+ Program: Services

## ▶ Vision:

- Initial Interview (PPH model)
- Access to a specialized Low Vision Clinic (LVC)
- Multidisciplinary Rehabilitation services on site, at home, in the community, school or workplace.
- Psychosocial support and counselling, including self-advocacy
- Assessment, counselling, training and support in the use of assistive technology, low vision optical and non-optical devices, in person or via phone / computer.
- Support for integration into community, workplace (SAE-Employment program), school, volunteer and leisure activities. Braille services.

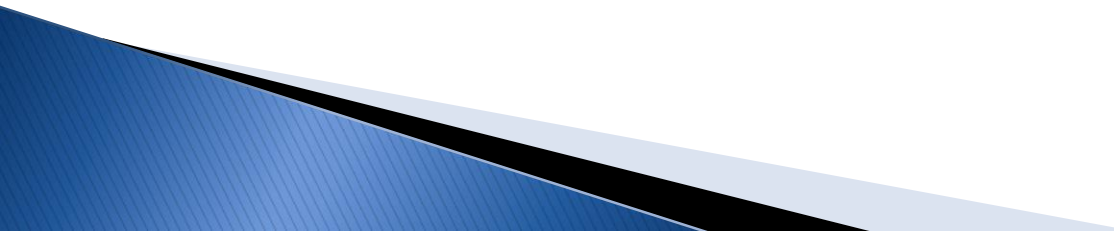
# 25+ Program: Services

## ▶ Hearing:

- Assessment of auditory and communication skills
- Psychosocial support and counselling, including self-advocacy
- Assessment, counselling, training and support in the use of assistive listening devices (ALDs)
- Training in communication strategies
- Support for integration into community, volunteer and leisure activities



# Additional Services

- ▶ Groups (rehab/skill specific, psychosocial...)
  - ▶ Technical Aids Boutique: LLMRC
  - ▶ Low Vision Clinic: LLMRC, Pointe-Claire & Laval
  - ▶ Audiology assessments: LLMRC & Laval
  - ▶ SAT-DHH: LLMRC, Kirkland & Laval
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# Transition Challenges

- ▶ Intellectual impairment without diagnosis
- ▶ Lacking language skills (esp. French)
- ▶ Limited social skills, exposure/experience
- ▶ Degenerative condition may require frequent re-adjustments
- ▶ Lacking life experience (sheltered++)
- ▶ Sudden loss of caregiver/home
- ▶ Loss of safety net (itinerant teacher, e.g.)
- ▶ Stigma DV – harder to access other services

Questions? Comments?

*Thank You for your interest!*