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**DEVELOPMENTAL
SCREENING TOOL
3-18+**

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WHY IS SCREENING IMPORTANT?

Does your child have persistent problems in school or their personal relationships?

When you have concerns about the progress of your child's development and learning, it can cause a great deal of uncertainty, stress, worry and helplessness.

A screening tool can be an important method for tracking milestones and behaviours that are associated to specific developmental stages. It can be helpful to share with medical professionals so they can guide you to the resources you may need.

Screening tools can help guide families in understanding areas of need that impact day-to-day life, such as school, social or family life, and may require additional supports.



WHAT ARE WE SCREENING?

Understanding developmental needs can help determine learning paths

Our screening tool is adapted from the **Essentials for Living "Essential 8"** developed by **Patrick McGreevy**.

The Essential 8 covers "must have" skills including adaptive, communication, social and safety skills that are essential for individuals to be successful in any environment. Additionally, when considering future settings (e.g. day programs), these skills are often part of the admission criteria.

The tool can be completed by parents and caregivers, and shared with health care professionals to indicate areas of concern.

3-18+ YEARS

CHECKLIST

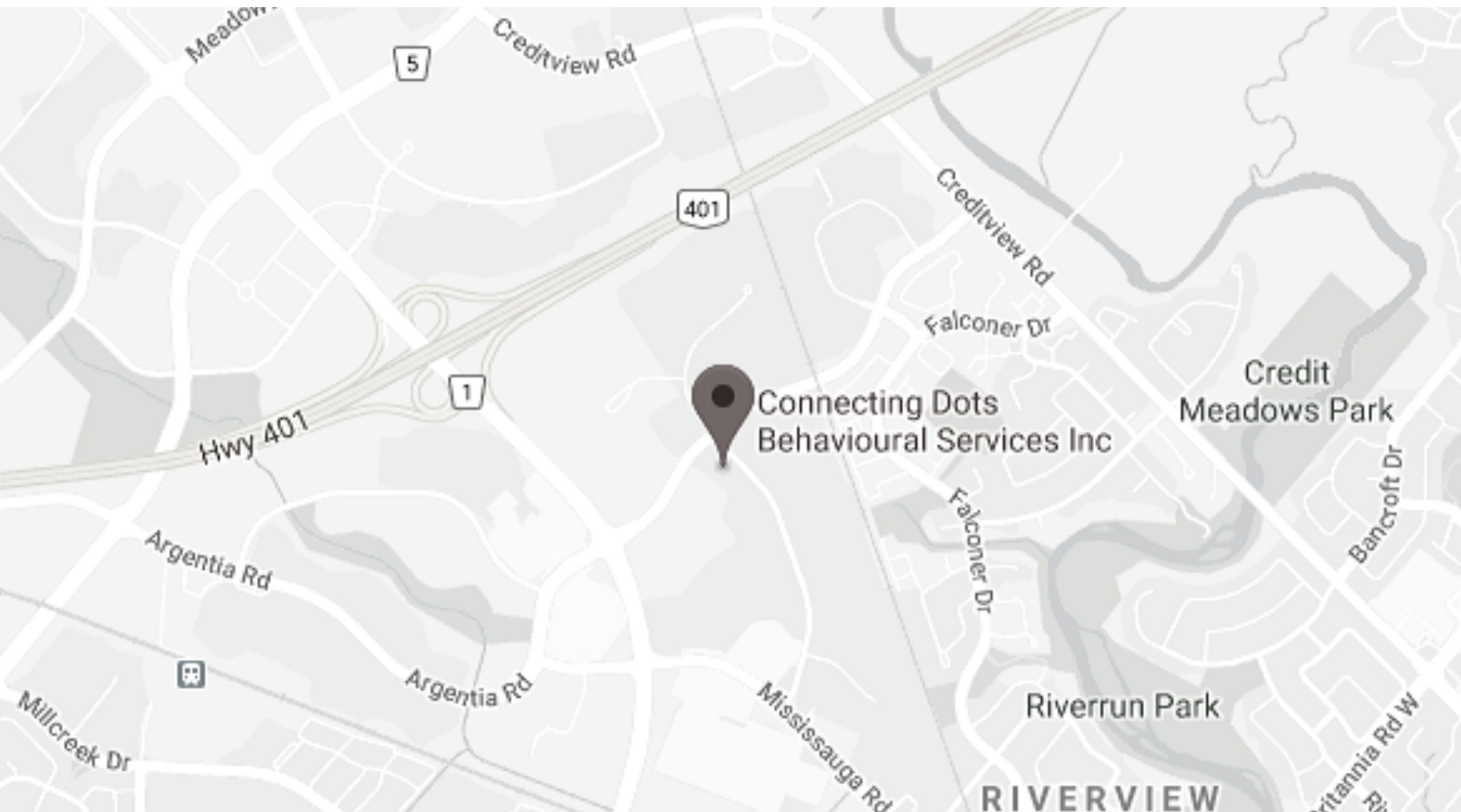
Essential 8 "Must haves"

- ☐ Makes Independent Requests for 10 items
- ☐ Waits for 20 minutes without complaints
- ☐ Accepting Removals, Making Transition, Sharing and Taking Turns
- ☐ Completing 10 Consecutive Brief Tasks
- ☐ Accepts "No" Readily
- ☐ Follows Directions for Health/Safety
- ☐ Completes Daily Routines Relating Health/Safety
- ☐ Tolerates Situations Relating to Health/Safety





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