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What is POPARD?

POPARD is a Ministry of Education program providing services to schools in British Columbia for students with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). We provide consultation, training, and support services to public and independent schools across the province with a primary focus on increasing the capacity of school district staff to support students with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

Who can receive POPARD services?

POPARD provides services to students (K-12) with a current diagnosis of ASD that meets Ministry of Education criteria for Category G. To qualify, the student must have documentation of a diagnosis of ASD made by appropriately qualified professionals (BC Autism Assessment Network (BCAAN) or a pediatrician, psychiatrist, or registered psychologist whose assessment meets Standards and Guidelines and adopted BCAAN policies).

How can I request services?

POPARD works with a District Partner (DP) or Key Contact (KC) from your school district or independent school, and all services are requested through and arranged by them.

To find out who your DP or KC is, view the directory at:

<https://autismoutreach.ca/about/district-partner-directory/>

I am a parent of a child with ASD. Can I request services?

To access family services, please contact POPARD's Family-School Liaison (FSL) at:

fsl@autismoutreach.ca. More information about our FSL services can be found on our website:

<https://autismoutreach.ca/services/family-school-liaison/>

Can I enroll in a course or workshop?

POPARD offers many training opportunities for BC school employees through courses and workshops, ranging from 1-2 hour mini-workshops to multi-day super-workshops and courses. In addition, POPARD's FSL presents workshops geared towards families several times each month at no charge.

Registration is required to participate in all POPARD courses and workshops. For details about upcoming sessions and how to enrol, go to: <https://autismoutreach.ca/training/>

Need more information about POPARD?

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