



Communication Accessible Counselling at Catholic Family Services

Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County (CFSSC), in collaboration with Deaf Access Simcoe Muskoka (Deaf Access), is currently offering professional counselling services with ASL (American Sign Language) interpreters for culturally Deaf people, and note takers for oral deaf, deafened, and hard of hearing people in Simcoe County.

The United Way of Greater Simcoe County is providing communication access funding to hire interpreters and note takers as needed. The intent is to provide access to our services and other counselling services in Simcoe County.

Counselling Service Model: Deaf and Hard of hearing individuals, couples and families can request counselling for a variety of issues such as family conflicts, grief and loss, personal stress, anxiety and depression. The counsellor from CFSSC meets with the client along with an ASL Interpreter or note taker hired through Deaf Access.

Clients will be booked for a single session of counselling which will consist of a 15 minute intake screening and a 1.5 hour counselling session. Interpreters and note takers will be booked at the same time. Additional sessions can be booked if needed and will be determined on a client by client basis.

How to access service?

Individuals seeking Counselling are asked to contact Michelle Bergin, Intake Coordinator, at Catholic Family Services by phone 726-2503, ext 105 or by email at mbergin@cfssc.ca. If ~~the counselling is at~~ notetakers or ASL interpreters are needed in order to access another counselling-social service in Simcoe County, please contact Deaf Access for the interpreters or note takers that you would require. The cost will be paid by CFSSC from the United Way grant.

What are the costs?

Fees for the counselling service are based on a sliding fee scale which takes into account family income and size. The fees are not meant to be a barrier and can be negotiated to take into account personal circumstances.

Want more information about CFSSC? Check out our website at cfssc.ca

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