



## **Occupational Therapy Role in the School: Partnering for Change Model**

### **What is the goal of this project?**

To build capacity within teachers, school staff and parents so they can support children with coordination difficulties in their participation, learning and development.

### **Who is the target population?**

Students in JK- Grade 3 with motor coordination challenges that are impacting on their performance at school.

### **What will happen?**

An OT with pediatric and school experience will be available one day per week in the school. The OT will spend most of their time right in the classroom and work in collaboration with teachers.

### **How can the OT help?**

- Help recognize children with motor difficulties and those at risk
- Make adaptations to furniture, work spaces, tools, materials, etc.
- Try out differentiated instruction strategies
- Model teaching techniques for a single student or the whole class
- Share information and resources with families
- Provide in-services
- Liaise with school resource staff
- Act as a bridge between education and health care systems