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| Title (no more than 10 words): | Development of a Handwriting Clinic for School-Based Rehabilitation Services |
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| Topic: | Wait list management |
| Brief Summary (no more than 50 words): | Developmental Pediatrics and Rehabilitation at McMaster Children’s Hospital developed a Handwriting Clinic to reduce wait times. Over 50% of school-based occupational therapy referrals are for students with handwriting and/or written output needs . To reduce waitlist times and provide earlier intervention, clinicians developed a handwriting clinic program as the primary service pathway. |
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| Key words (please note up to five key words): | Wait list management, virtual service, group service, OTA service |
| Additional comments (100 – 150 words): | From the initial implementation, the handwriting clinic has been adapted to accommodate for virtual learning. During increased virtual learning at schools, offering the handwriting clinic program virtually allowed clients and families to access remediation strategies regardless of attendance at school. Furthermore, clinicians have developed multiple remediation programs to be offered through the handwriting groups in order to target various fine motor and written output challenges. Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTAs) now facilitate the handwriting groups, thus being able to provide more frequent group instruction. |
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