

PAFC Leadership Centre

The leadership function is a role within **Pacific Autism Family Centre** and performed by employees of the PAFCS. This group will lead the PAFC Centre

- The **Pacific Autism Centre Society** will have its own staff that will undertake eight roles within the Leadership Service area.
 - Determine and secure services to be offered in the building.
 - Operate **Regional Centre and Navigators**.
 - The establishment of regional centre staffed by navigators is a key part of the strategy for the PAFC to meet provincial Needs. The PAFC leadership staff will design and secure funding for this service area, but the delivery will likely be contracted out.
 - Provide shared Centre support services.
 - Shared services may include IT support and reception. These are above and beyond typical building services.
 - Communicate and promote the Centre and its services.
 - The Strategic Plans call for the PAFC to be a unified voice and act in an educational capacity to the “non-autism” community.
 - Facilitate co-operation between the various service providers.
 - Ensure services offered from the Centre meet guiding principals
 - Ensuring information and services are “evidenced bases” and that there is fair and equitable and inclusive access to the Centre and that’s services are provided province-wide.
 - Manage and operate the building.

Information and Support Centre

The **Information and Support Centre** will be the main point of contact for families and individuals to receive information and support in person, by phone and/or online.

- The goals of the Information and Support Centre are;
 - To provide one point of contact for autism information to families and individuals on the spectrum and service providers/ professionals working in the autism field.
 - To provide un-biased, evidence based information to families and individuals on the spectrum and professionals working in the field

Lifespan Centre

The **Lifespan Centre** will increase awareness of, and advocate for the issues and needs of individuals on the spectrum and those with developmental disorders across the lifespan, particularly focusing on adults and those transitioning into adulthood.

- The goals of the Lifespan Centre are;
 - To develop and operate programs focusing on issues facing adults and those transitioning into adulthood on the spectrum, such as life skill development, social skill development and employment support
 - To provide social, recreational, skill development and job training opportunities
 - To provide opportunities for research
 - To build capacity of service providers and professionals to address lifespan issues facing individuals on the spectrum and/or their families.

Treatment Centre

The **Treatment Centre** will provide treatment services to children and families through a fully-integrated pre-school and after school programs. The model of the treatment Centre assumes about 60 children will receive treatment at any one time. Additionally another 40 children could receive skill training through evening programs.

- The goals of the Treatment Centre are
 - To provide a range of treatment services to children and families
 - To integrate with research to develop model treatment programs
 - To provide education and training opportunities for interns/practicum students, family members and professionals (inter-disciplinary)

Clinic

The clinic will provide opportunities for assessment for diagnosis, functional and behavioural assessments and opportunities for visiting medical services in the Centre.

- The goals of the clinic are
 - To provide supportive and seamless assessment for diagnosis process for families and individuals
 - To provide medical services in a relaxed, welcoming and supportive environment for families and individuals
 - To integrate clinic functions with research and training opportunities for medical practitioners.

Research Centre

The **Research Centre** will provide applied research opportunities for a variety of professionals working with autism and related disorders through integration with all Centre components.

- The goals of the Research Centre are
 - To provide applied research opportunities for a variety of professionals working with autism and related disorders
 - To conduct new research as directed by the PAFC Advisory council
 - To integrate opportunities within all program components of the PAFC where possible.

Regional Centres (Spokes)

- Goals of the Regional Centres
 - Provide presence for PAFC within each region
 - Provide information and networking support to families and individuals within each specific region
 - Facility prompt and accurate resources
 - Assist PAFC in better understanding regional needs