

Block Building Therapies specializes in Housing Assessments for barrier-free access. Reports include detailed measurements and photographs with specific recommendations for access and equipment at a reasonable cost.

Homes and buildings can be made accessible!

Did you know?

- As of 1997, housing and corporate buildings no longer are required to have steps or elevated thresholds at any entry?
- Diagonal grab bars are no longer recommended?
- Vinyl and laminate flooring may not be the best option for wheelchair mobility?
- There are simple ways to increase a doorway width without renovations?
- There may be better, more permanent solutions for accessible entry-ways than ramps?
- Stairs can be built for walker access?
- Wheelchair tires can actually melt carpet?
- What kind of refrigerator is recommended for better wheelchair access?
- Your client may need a back-up power generator in their home?



These are just a few of the many considerations that are required when a housing or worksite assessment is completed for a client with a disability. Russel Dyck, O.T. Reg. (MB) of Block Building Therapies has had numerous experiences as well as continuing education for home modifications and universal design concepts. He recently attended a workshop entitled "Enabling Occupation through Home Modifications and Universal Design" in Saskatoon, SK. This was offered by Kathy L. Pringle, B. Sc. (O.T.) and supported by the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists.

For a Housing Assessment specializing in home modifications and universal design, please contact Block Building Therapies to ensure you or your client has an environment that is safe and accessible!

The possibilities are endless!

Office Relocation

Block Building Therapies relocated the clinical practice in November, 2008.

Our new mailing address is: P.O. Box 53060, RPO South St. Vital
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Referral forms are also available online at our website: www.blockbuilding.ca.

STAFF UPDATE.....



Nicole Beauchesne

(nicole@blockbuilding.ca) is accepting new referrals for children and adults requiring personal care assessments, OT discharge planning, as well as on-going therapy and

consultation for clients with brain and spinal cord injuries. She specializes in complex medical management all over the province (including the Brandon area) and is happy to work alongside other case managers and professionals.



Ashlyn Bohonos

(ashlyn@blockbuilding.ca) is a newer associate to Block Building Therapies. Ashlyn has proved to have a strong interest in both pediatrics and adults doing personal care assessments and

return-to-work assessments. Her previous work for City of Winnipeg Public Works Department was to develop workplace and safety programs within their company. Ashlyn is eager to take on referrals in the area of neuro-rehabilitation, pediatrics or vocational rehabilitation. Ashlyn has also recently completed the Progressive Goal Attainment Program (PGAP) workshop and is now a certified clinician. With this training, Ashlyn can help her clients overcome mental/physical challenges affecting their ability to complete activities of daily living and assist them to transition back into the workforce.



Julie Zimmerman

(julie@blockbuilding.ca) is now back with Block Building Therapies! Currently at BBT, Julie provides school based occupational therapy, which includes functional assessments,

in-services and workshops, and program planning for students with a variety of physical, cognitive, social and academic needs. She is also looking forward to helping to facilitate groups for children.



Russel Dyck

(russel@blockbuilding.ca) is our vocational specialist and focuses most of his work completing job/physical demands analyses, percentage of duties assessments, ergonomics and

return-to-work planning. Russel has recently completed the CAOT Workshop "Enabling Occupational Performance through Home Modification and Universal Design" and is our most qualified therapist in the area of housing assessment design and modification.



Gloria Dueck

(gloria@blockbuilding.ca) continues to be an excellent resource for our northern communities by providing school therapy and assessments to children with a variety of diagnoses.

She also follows children with traumatic brain injuries in various rural communities.

Gareth Thompson is our occupational therapist in the Dauphin area. Gareth will continue to be available providing personal care assessments, occupational therapy assessments and consultation for clients in the Dauphin area. He can be reached at 204-572-5365 or by email at gareth@blockbuilding.ca.

Block Building Therapies thanks you for your continued business.

Sincerely,

Nicole Beauchesne

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