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Parent Information: JASPER Module

IMPORTANT: Please note that in Summer 2026, Nurture will be moving from 3310 to a beautiful building near Renfrew Skytrain station, at 180-2925 Virtual Way.

The new space will offer a number of improvements for our kids and families, such as being fully wheelchair accessible, having more individual rooms, and a second sensory/motor play area. For many of our families, it will be closer to home or more accessible by transit - or at least not farther away!

Nurture is excited to bring JASPER (Joint Attention, Symbolic Play, Engagement, and Regulation: Kasari, Gulsrud, Shire & Strawbridge, 2021) to Vancouver! JASPER is an evidence-based, naturalistic, developmental behavioural intervention (NDBI). JASPER supports the development of social communication skills (including joint attention, gestures and language), play skills, social engagement and regulation in autistic children.

Our team of Nurture therapists have participated in JASPER training and are either certified or working on their certification under the supervision of JASPER trainers at University of California, Los Angeles. JASPER is provided as a therapy module with 45-minute sessions twice per week over the course of 16 weeks.

Who can participate?

We welcome children from 12 months to seven years of age to participate in this program. This program is suitable for toddlers, preschoolers & school-aged children - with or without a diagnosis - who have concerns in the areas of social communication, language, play or self-regulation.

What will therapy look like?

JASPER therapy is available in our Vancouver clinic, and sessions are 45 minutes in length.

Initial Visits:

At the start of your JASPER module, you will have both an online parent meeting and an in-person assessment session. Depending on scheduling needs, the order of these two visits may vary.

Parent Meeting:

This online meeting will be a chance to talk with your therapist about your child, their strengths & challenges, and what to expect over the course of the JASPER program.



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Assessment Visit:

The first session will include a brief assessment to determine your child's current level of engagement, communication, play, and self-regulation, and set goals based on their needs. We will play with your child, and then take a little time to discuss these goals with you.

Therapy Visits:

Carefully planned and highly engaging therapy sessions will support your child's development of engagement, joint attention, and communication skills.

At Nurture, we take a naturalistic, developmental approach, which means that we focus on learning through play. Children's interests and ideas are respected and valued, and we use evidence-based methods for promoting engagement, self-regulation, language and play development. Careful consideration and planning are given to the set up for each session to ensure your child is highly motivated to learn and participate.

Depending on your priorities, we would be happy to include parent coaching towards the end of the module, to help you learn skills to practice at home. For the first several weeks, your homework is the commitment to travel to and attend sessions. If you have more questions you would like to talk to a therapist about, we are happy to provide other meeting times.

Parent Meetings:

At Nurture we are careful not to discuss concerns in front of your child, as they are very sensitive and listening to what we say. Instead, we will replace 2-3 of your therapy visits with a Zoom parent meeting.

Your final visit will be a family meeting to discuss your child's progress and strategies for you to take home or share with your team. We will also provide you with a written summary of the goals we have targeted and recommendations for continuing to support your child's development. If you have other service providers, they are welcome to join this final visit via Zoom.

How much will it cost?

Our JASPER sessions costs are \$256.25/session with SLPs or OTs, or if booked with a Therapy Assistant, they are \$215/session. JASPER Sessions are more expensive than a regular SLP, OT, or Therapy Assistant visit because they require much more planning, set up, and analysis to do well.

A full 16-week clinic-based module costs \$8200 (with SLP/OT) or \$6880 (with Therapy Assistants).

For children who are already over 6 years old, or for children who have already completed a block of JASPER, we can offer a shortened block, which will be prorated depending on the number of weeks booked.



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The cost of your module includes:

- Assessment and Identification of goals for engagement, communication, play, and regulation
- Therapy sessions with a speech-language pathologist or occupational therapist
- Family meetings to discuss progress and home concerns.
- 1 custom Social Story for your child
- Assistance with completing a Justification for Equipment request for families accessing MCFD autism funding.

If sessions are cancelled due to illness, these will not be billed, and the total cost of your module will be reduced.

Families with funding provided by the Autism Funding Unit can pay with a Request to Pay Form. For families paying privately, 50% of fees are due **at the time of registration** and can be paid by e-transfer to admin@nurturelearn.ca.

What if I need to cancel?

Nurture has a 48-hour cancellation policy, however if many cancellations occur, we may ask you to rebook at a different time. Your spot is reserved especially for you and your child. Our highly trained clinicians have long waitlists. If you are not sure if this module is the right fit for you, please be sure to discuss with our Clinic Manager before you start.

If you or your child become ill during your module and contact us the morning of your session before 9am (or before 7:30am for an 8 or 9:15am visit), those visits will be cancelled, and you will not be billed. We will not bill for sessions cancelled due to staff illness. We will do our best to reschedule your visits, however your usual time may not be available.

If you plan to be away during this period, you can wait for the next intake, or book your module to end early, before your trip.

Can I combine this with other therapy?

Yes! No matter what other approach your child is learning in, they can benefit from therapy that supports the development of engagement, play, and language. We also welcome your team to join an online session at the end of your module to discuss the approach and share some strategies to incorporate in continuing therapy.

What happens after JASPER?

Different families will have different preferences and choices after their block of JASPER is complete.

- During your family meetings, your therapist will discuss other goals you may have for your child and how these can best be supported.



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- Some families may wish to have a formal “Behaviour Plan of Intervention”, which can be provided by Nurture’s senior clinicians (hourly rates will apply). If you would like a BPI for your child, please contact our Clinic Manager.
- Some families will continue with Nurture services after JASPER. This can include support from speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, or behaviour interventionists, and can include support focused on:
 - Parent coaching to manage personal independence, challenging moments at home.
 - Speech, language, assistive or alternative communication (AAC), narrative language, literacy.
 - Meeting sensory needs, fine and gross motor development, activities of daily living (eating, dressing, sleeping)
 - Emotional regulation, playdates, executive functioning skills.
- Some families will take a break from all therapy after JASPER. This can be great! Children need time to “consolidate” their learning. After this break, you may choose to continue with another block of JASPER, if appropriate (we suggest at least 3 months between JASPER blocks).
- Some families will return to their other service providers. You can discuss with your therapist if it is recommended to come back to Nurture for another block of JASPER.