

Fact Sheet 3: Tier Levels Defined (Children's Services)



Tier	Description
Tier 1	<p>Prevention, primary & emergent health service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service is accessible in most communities. • Service providers generally serve adults as well as children and youth. • Service targets health promotion & common, low complexity health needs. • Service participates in regional & provincial child health quality improvement initiatives.
Tier 2	<p>General health service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service is accessible to multiple communities and/or a local health area. • Service providers generally serve adults as well as children and youth. • Service targets common, low complexity health needs. • Service participates in regional & provincial child health quality improvement initiatives.
Tier 3	<p>Child-focused health service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service is accessible to multiple local health areas/health service delivery area. • Service providers focus on children and youth, although some may also serve adults. • Service targets relatively common, medium complexity health needs. • Service participates in regional & provincial child health quality improvement initiatives.
Tier 4	<p>Children's comprehensive health service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service is accessible to a health service delivery area/health authority. • Service providers focus the majority of their time on children and youth. • Service targets a broad range of medium complexity health needs. • Service offers general child health experiences/placements for a broad range of undergraduate, graduate & post-graduate health care students & residents. Teaching focus is on general pediatrics and child health care. • Service identifies relevant regional child health quality indicators and leads/participates in regional & provincial child health quality improvement initiatives.

Tier	Description
Tier 5	<p>Children's regional enhanced & subspecialty health service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service is accessible to a health authority. • Most service providers work exclusively with children and youth. • Service targets relatively common, high complexity health needs. Level of complexity usually does not require the availability of other on-site subspecialty teams. • Service offers general child health experiences/placements for a broad range of undergraduate, graduate & post-graduate health care students & residents. Also offers placements for fellows in selected subspecialties. • Service identifies relevant regional child health quality indicators and leads/participates in regional & provincial child health quality improvement initiatives. • Service participates in relevant child health related research.
Tier 6	<p>Provincial subspecialty children's health service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service is accessible to the province. • Service providers work exclusively with children and youth. • Service targets low incidence, high complexity health needs. Level of complexity often requires the availability of other on-site subspecialty teams. • Service offers general and subspecialty child health experiences/placements for a broad range of undergraduate, graduate & post-graduate health care students, residents and subspecialty fellows. • Service identifies relevant provincial child health quality indicators & leads provincial quality improvement initiatives. • Service conducts and supports others to conduct relevant child health-related research.