

## How to Use IRIS

1. Go to [www.oarty.net](http://www.oarty.net) and click on the IRIS link on the home page. You can also access IRIS directly through [www.oarty.net/program-and-placement-availability](http://www.oarty.net/program-and-placement-availability).
2. Click on the Search IRIS option from the right hand menu.
3. Choose your preference from the Bed Availability Timeframe dropdown options, check off your preferred Care Type, Client Group, and choose the Ministry Region from the dropdown options. If you have no preference, leave them as the default.
4. To show only accredited programs, check the Accredited Programs Only check box.
5. In the "Show only those programs / facilities where" section, you are able to define how broad or narrow your search will be. For a narrow, more specific search choose the default of "All checked items are provided"; to broaden the results of your search select the second option "Where at least \_\_\_ checked item(s) are provided" and select the number of items that you would like to match your requirements in your search results.
6. Select the appropriate detailed criteria from the checklists that follow.
7. Click the Search button.
8. A list of programs matching your criteria will appear. Click on the program name to view details regarding the residential services provided. For contact information, click on the Member name beside the program name.
9. Not enough/too few results? Click the back to search button, and either remove specific options to broaden your search or select more options to further refine it.

Need assistance at any time?

Contact the OARTY Office at 905-475-KIDS (5437) or at [info@oarty.net](mailto:info@oarty.net). OARTY's staff would be pleased to be of assistance.



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The place to find appropriate and efficient placements for individuals in need of residential care and treatment



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# What is IRIS?

IRIS, or Integrated Residential Information System, was developed by the Ontario Association of Residences Treating Youth (OARTY) to facilitate the appropriate and efficient matching and placement for individuals requiring residential care or day treatment services in the province of Ontario. The system is an up-to-date searchable database of residential and day treatment programs provided by OARTY members. OARTY members provide residential care through group, foster, treatment foster and other forms of residential care such as assisted and independent living.

IRIS is not designed to replace the role of a resource worker in pre-screening programs/facilities in which to place children, rather it is designed to assist the resource worker in obtaining information about available programs/facilities in a more timely fashion. The system was developed in consultation with community partners and educational institutions and can be utilized by both individuals looking for care for their loved one, and referral agencies looking for treatment and support for their clients. IRIS allows you to easily find an appropriate placement, thus ensuring that the individual in need gets the care and treatment they need in a timely manner.

# How Does IRIS Work?

IRIS consists of an initial set of broad based criteria such as beds available, location, and type of care, followed by more detailed program and client criteria. The detailed criteria are organized under the following category headings (examples are provided for each):

## 1. Client Groups

*Examples include ages 0-5, adults, and dual diagnosis clientele*

## 2. Diagnostic Features

*Examples include conduct disorder and autism*

## 3. Problematic Behaviours

*Examples include bed wetting, eating disorders and running*

## 4. Sexual Acting Out Behaviours (all ages)

*Examples include inappropriate sexualized behaviour toward parental figure and indiscriminate affection*

## 5. Teen Issues

*Examples include pregnancy and severe addiction*

## 6.1. Health Care Requirements

*Examples include complex medication management and respiratory care*

## 6.2. Procedures from Regulated Health Professions Act, 1996

*Examples include inhalation of oxygen and subcutaneous injection*

## 7. School and Community

*Examples include religious differences and special education needs*

## 8. Program Model

*Examples include parent model group home with full time staff support and treatment foster care*

## 9. Program Treatment Services

*Examples include day treatment, respite and social skills training*

## 10. Professional Services Included in Set Rate (Professionals on staff and/or contracted at no additional cost)

## 11. Additional Community Provided Professional Services

*Examples for both 10 & 11 include art therapy and psychotherapy*

Select from as many of these areas as needed to best define your search for the specific needs of the individual requiring care.

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