

The **Supported Child Development Program** is able to provide knowledgeable, practical information and resources about community services, strategies for inclusion and specific disabilities to care providers and families as needed or requested.

Once a family has been referred to our program and is deemed eligible for our services, we are able to provide 'child specific' information and support.

The extra support required might be any of the following:

Information about a child's specific needs (parents are a great resource, and so are speech/language pathologists, physical & occupational therapists, licensing officers, Child Care Resource & Referral services & other child care providers.)

Occasional or **regular visits** by the Supported Child Development Consultant to the program

Short term additional program support.

Child specific & Community Based **training** for Families, Childcare Staff and Community Professionals.

Ongoing additional program support (extra staffing may be required if the current staff: child ratio is not adequate to successfully include a specific child/ren in a program)

Observation services to help determine eligibility for the Supported Child Development Program.

Toy Lending **Library** and Resources.

Community Resources

Richmond Society for Community Living

Phone 604 279-7040

Ministry of Human Resources & Development

Phone 604 660-9284

Richmond Child Care Resource and Referral Service

Phone 604 279-7025

Richmond Nursing Support Services

Phone 604 278-3361

Nursing Support Services Preschool Team

Phone 604 233-3150

Richmond Licensing Officers

Phone 604 233-3147

Richmond Speech and Hearing

Phone 604 233-3188

BC Centre for Ability

Phone 604 451-5511

The Infant Development Program

Phone 604 279-7058

Disability Resource Centre

Phone 604 232-2404

Richmond Family Services

Phone 604 279-7100

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The Richmond Supported Child Development Program



Every Child Belongs

SUPPORTED CHILD DEVELOPMENT

is a vision that is still evolving. It is a provincially supported program that reflects & supports the philosophy of inclusion. **Supported Child Development** is based on the following principles:

FAMILY CENTRED APPROACH

Families know their children best.
Families have the right & responsibility to make choices for their children.
Families & professionals work as a team.

INCLUSION

ALL children are welcomed, supported and valued.
Everybody plays, learns and grows together.

COMMUNITY BASED

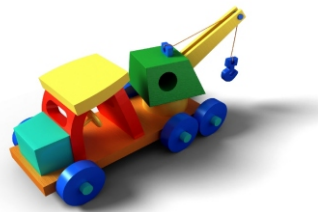
Inclusion supports the rights of all children, regardless of their diverse abilities, to participate actively in natural settings within their communities.

INDIVIDUAL PLANNING

Early provision of planning and support services contributes to each child's optimum development. All child care providers understand the abilities and challenges of each child in the setting and practice an inclusive philosophy.

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Parents share the responsibility for the development and coordination of childcare, care providers, communities and various ministries and governments. Children who require extra support are accepted and valued by all community members and have opportunities to contribute to their community.



WHY EARLY INTERVENTION?

Early intervention has a very positive impact on the child with developmental disabilities and their family. Early identification of a child and family's strengths and concerns will ensure that planning and development can take place to support the child and family to reach their goals.

The primary focus of **Supported Child Development** is with children and their families in the community childcare settings. We encourage and assist families to access available medical support, family support and service agencies. The desired outcome is that they better understanding of how to best support their child's development.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THIS PROGRAM

1. Complete an application: We accept referrals directly from the parent(s) or community professionals. Signed consent is required before the application is considered.
2. Provide documentation: We require a letter from your doctor and/or a report from a specialist, diagnostic team, IDP Consultant, Physio or Occupational Therapist, Psychologist and or Community Health Nurse.
3. Once both the application and the documentation are complete they can be mailed or faxed to the Supported Child Development Program Coordinator.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE SUPPORTED CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM?

All children who are residents of BC are eligible for SCDP. Children must meet the following three criteria:

1. Age birth to 19th birthday
2. Have a developmental delay or disability in physical, cognitive, communicative or social/emotional/behavioural areas

Physical - child who is blind or visually impaired, has a neuro-motor or sensorimotor challenge or a special health care need.

Cognitive - child who has an intellectual delay or disability

Communicative - child who is deaf or hard of hearing, or has significant language and speech challenges

Social/Emotional/Behavioural - child who has severe social, emotional, or behavioural challenges. Severe behaviour is defined as: behaviour that is dangerous to self and to others; extremely disruptive behaviour, which is consistent and persistent over time; behaviour that is serious enough to be known to other community agencies and to warrant intensive interventions by other community agencies

3. Need for support in a childcare or other community setting.

Child requires additional support services in a childcare because of the developmental

