

Supported Child Development



The Richmond Supported Child Development Program (RSCDP) is a community based program designed to support families and children with extra support needs to access inclusive child care that meets family needs. The heart of RSCDP is the philosophy of inclusion. We believe that children and youth of diverse abilities have a right to participate in a full range of child care opportunities with their peers. RSCDP Consultants are professionals that have been trained to support the philosophy of inclusion.

RSCDP works in partnership with parents and professionals to support children with developmental disabilities or delays to successfully participate in community child care settings. This includes;

- Individual planning to promote each child's development;
- Training and information for families and child care providers to foster the child's development;
- Resources such as books, toys and specialized equipment;
- Referrals to other services such as therapists or specialists;
- Where necessary, additional staffing to ensure that children may participate fully with their peers within a child care program.



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Who is eligible for RSCDP?

- Children from birth to their 19th birthday
- A child with a developmental delay or disability (Cognitive, Communication, Social/Emotional/Behavioural or Physical.)
- A child that requires consultation and/or support to participant in a childcare setting

How do I get involved?

Complete a RSCDP application and provide supporting documentation related to the child's delay or disability. Once completed, submit this information to the RSCD Coordinator to determine if your child is eligible.



Is there a cost?

The RSCDP operates with funding from the Ministry for Child and Family Development(MCFD.) There is no cost for the RSCDP services as our program is voluntary. Families are responsible for any space fees that are required by the child care program. Families are able to apply for Childcare Subsidy through MCFD to cover the space fee costs.

Benefits for your child.

The child care program that your child attends will be provided child specific information and recourses. RSCDP will provide training to child care providers to encourage inclusion. Your child will have the opportunity to learn new skills, make friends and have new experiences.

Benefits to parents.

Children under 5 years old may receive support in a preschool program regardless whether their parents are working or going to school. For parent's who are working or attending school, support in daycare or out-of-school childcare programs is offered.

