

# Supported Child Development Program of British Columbia

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The **Supported Child Development Program (SCDP)** is a community-based program that assists families of children with a developmental delay or disability to access inclusive child care that meets family needs. A developmental delay or disability may affect physical, cognitive, communicative or social, emotional, behavioral development. The program is intended to serve children from birth to 12, with services for youth 13-19 years available in some communities. SCDP supports children to fully participate in inclusive neighbourhood child care programs including:

- Licensed Preschool
- Group Child Care
- Family Child Care
- School Age Child Care
- License Not Required
- In own home care may be provided in exceptional circumstances.

## Guiding Principles

- **Inclusion** – all children are supported to fully participate in neighbourhood child care programs.
- **Family Centered** – this means that you, the parent, choose what kind of support you want.
- **Individual Planning** – each child’s unique strengths and needs are recognized and supported.
- **Child Development** – children with developmental needs have access to early intervention and developmentally appropriate supports.
- **Community Based** – programs reflect local needs and priorities.
- **Respect for Cultural Diversity**
- **Support for Capacity Building in Aboriginal Communities.**



## Services Available

- Helping families to find child care programs that best meet your child and family needs.
- Working as a team to identify developmental goals and determining strategies to support progress towards goals.
- Extra staffing when needed – ongoing support and consultation to promote inclusive environments.
- Referrals to professionals such as Speech & Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists.
- Lending library – toys, equipment, books, videos and resources.
- Service Coordination
- Training and Support for parents and child care providers.

## Referrals

Parents may contact SCDP directly or may be referred by community professionals including:

- Child Care Providers
- Infant Development Consultants
- Therapists
- Public Health Nurses
- Doctors
- Social Workers

## Participation

- SCD programs are located in communities throughout British Columbia.
- Participation is voluntary and SCDP services are free of charge.
- Parents are responsible for child care fees. Low and middle-income families may apply for child care subsidies to assist with child care fees.

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