



If you are **concerned** about your child's **development**, a ***Supported Child Development Consultant*** can assist.



Supported Child Development Program

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What Does the Supported Child Development Program (SCDP) Do?

Many children who need extra support can be successfully included in a child care setting through the services of a **Supported Child Development Consultant**. Their job is to help families and child care providers figure out ways to make sure that children with disabilities can fully participate in the child care settings of their parent's choice. Here's what they do:

- Work with families and child care programs to learn about the child's needs and goals, and to design strategies to include them in regular activities and routines in the child care program. This is part of the process to develop an Individual Service Plan (ISP).
- Provide or arrange for training for families and child care providers that is related to inclusion or the specific needs of the child.
- Help early childhood educators learn about and locate equipment, materials and/or resources needed to include the child.
- Access child care setting to identify and come up with ways to reduce or eliminate any barriers to accessibility by children with a developmental delay or disability.
- Coordinate with other professionals involved with the child – such as a physiotherapist, psychologist or speech-language pathologist – to help learn about ways to support particular areas of development.
- Observe the child in child care programs and provide suggestions to help with settling in or particular aspects of the child's development routine.
- Determine if additional staffing supports are required to ensure that the children may participate fully with their peers.

Working with a SCDP Consultant can be a great help including one or more children with extra support needs. It can also help enrich and improve the child care program or home environment, and enhance skills and professional development.