



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

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The **Supported Child Development Program** (SCDP) is a community-based program that assists families of children with extra support needs to access inclusive child care that meets family needs. The program is intended to serve children from birth to 12, with services for youth 13-19 years available in some communities.

SCDP operates under the principles of inclusion and family centre practices and uses a multi-disciplinary team approach. Parents may self-refer, or with parent consent, referral may come from other community service providers.

The heart of Supported Child Development is the ***philosophy of inclusion***. Our motto is “Every Child Belongs”. 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.

Inclusion means:

- All children are welcome and valued
- All activities of playing, learning and growing happen in a way that children feel they belong
- The setting children and youth are in can provide the supports they need.

SCDP has several principles that govern how we work with families and child care partners to make inclusion a reality. Families know their children best and have the right and responsibility to make choices in the best interest of their children – and to have those choices respected. SCDP honours the family as a whole and works collaboratively with families to meet their unique needs.

SCD programs are located in communities throughout British Columbia. Participation is voluntary and SCDP services are free of charge. For more information please visit our website at www.scdp.bc.ca.