

## Our Guiding Principles

*Inclusion*– all children are supported to fully participate in neighbourhood child care programs

*Family Centred*– 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*



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## What is ASCD?

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Aboriginal Supported Child Development (ASCD) is a provincially funded program that is designed to specifically meet the needs of children who require additional support. ASCD Programs are developed with cultural values, beliefs and traditions in mind.



## Who are the Children ?

Aboriginal children who are residents of BC are eligible for ASCD. Children should meet the following three criteria:

1. **Child is between 0-19**
2. **Child has at least one developmental delay or disability in Physical, Cognitive, Communicative, or Social/Emotional/Behavioral areas.**
3. **Child requires additional support in a childcare setting.**

## Who are the Families ?

Families can include birth, extended, adopted, and foster families. Aboriginal families can be living on or off reserve. There is no cost for this service.

## Support takes place in...

- Preschool settings and Head Start programs for children 3 to 5 years
- Daycare, family child care or After school care
- In a child's home under *exceptional circumstances* when a child's support needs otherwise prevent him from participating in a childcare setting.

## Support can look like...

- Occasional Support- training, support and consultation with the child care centre by the consultant, no additional staff required
- Frequent Support- training, support and consultation with the child care centre by the consultant, short-term or shared support from a Support Worker.
- On-going Support- training, support and consultation with the child care centre by the consultant, 1 on 1 support provided by Support Worker.

## Services available include:

- Assistance finding child care
- Support and consultation with families and child care programs
- Individual Planning
- Extra staffing support if needed in childcare setting
- Training and support for families and child care providers
- Assistance accessing other community resources
- Developmental screening and assessments at the request of the family
- Toy and equipment lending library

