



At Reach we believe in the potential of every child and we know that each child is unique. We work together with families to recognize each child's strengths and develop their abilities.



Reach Child and Youth Development Society holds the three-year accreditation for Community Services: Child and Youth Services, and Community Services: respite Services. CARF (The Commission of Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities).

## Reach Aboriginal Supported Child Development

**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 newborn to 12 years (services for children 13 to 19 may be provided on an individual basis).
2. Child has a developmental delay or disability in one of four areas:
  - physical
  - cognitive
  - communicative
  - social/emotional/behavioural
3. Child requires additional support in a childcare setting.

*No diagnosis is required to receive services.*

### 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...

- preschools settings and Head Start program for children aged 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 or her from participating in a childcare program

### Support can look like...

- support and consultation to the family and child care program
- short term or part time additional staffing to support the child care program
- ongoing additional staffing in the child care program to support a child to be successful

### Services available to families include:

- assistance finding child care
- support and consultation with families and child care programs

- individual planning
- extra staffing support if needed in child care programs
- training and support for families and child care providers
- assistance accessing other community resources
- developmental screening and assessments at the request of the family

### Referrals to Supported Child Development

Parents wishing to access Reach Aboriginal Supported Child Development for children requiring extra supports can call Manager of Early Intervention Services at 604-946-6622 ext. 318.

There is no cost for ASCD services. If you would like more information on Aboriginal Supported Child Development visit [www.ascdp.bc.ca](http://www.ascdp.bc.ca).





When your child requires child care and needs additional support...

# Help is within reach.

## Believing in potential

Each year over 800 children benefit from programs and services at Reach Child and Youth Development Society. Our family-centered, individualized, and responsive approach means that families experience success and each child is given the opportunity to reach their potential.

**Family Centered** Our family-centered philosophy recognizes that the family is the major decision maker and constant in the child's life and as such, we believe families should be in control and informed. We believe, that the primary aim of good service planning is to enable and empower families.

**Individualized** We recognize and respect the diversity and uniqueness of families and children and provide individualized approaches to goal identification and service planning.

**Responsive** We believe that it is essential that services be flexible to meet the changing needs of children and families, and to respond to input from the community regarding those needs.

**Experts in our field** We have brought together professionals with expertise and knowledge in a variety of areas including Early Childhood Educators, Speech Language Pathologists, Behavioural Consultants, Supported Child Development Consultants, Occupational Therapists, Infant Development Consultants, and others with extensive experience supporting families and children.

## Our vision

Communities where all children, youth and families are welcomed, included, and leading lives of well-being based on their own individual strengths, interests, and values.

## Our mission

To provide timely, accessible and supportive community programs and services for the optimal development of children and youth, where children, youth and families flourish and reach their potential.



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