



When you want to learn more about supporting the optimal development of your child with special needs ...

# Help is within reach.



## Positive Connections Program

### Believing in potential

Each year over 1200 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.

**Person- and Family- Centered** Our person- and family-centered philosophy recognizes that the family and the individual are the major decision makers 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 and individuals.

**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 individuals and their 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 person- and family-centred 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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"BELIEVING IN POTENTIAL"





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 has an excellent and well deserved reputation for the provision of quality services and is recognized for it's collaborative approach." 2021 CARF Survey

Reach holds the three-year accreditation from CARF (The Commission of Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities).

## Reach Positive Connections Program

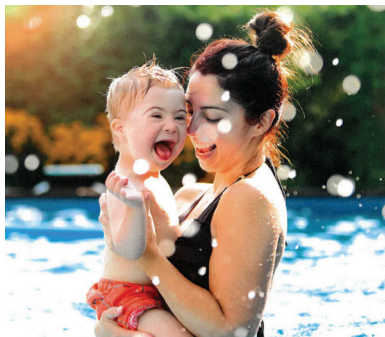
The Reach Positive Connections program provides service to families in Delta Surrey, White Rock and Langley with children or youth with special needs. It is a free, family-centred program with 3 key components designed to provide families with short term service, focused on parent education and connecting with community resources and support.

The Reach Positive Connections program 3 key components are:

1. Parent Education Classes: Parents attend small group classes with other parents who have similar life situations. Classes focus on parenting skills, managing challenging behaviours, teaching life and social skills and other topics related to best supporting the development of children with developmental

disabilities. There will be a total of 18 hours of classes that will be run over several weeks.

Parents have a choice of day or evening classes and child minding



is available while parents attend classes in the evening.

2: In home Behaviour Consultation. Parents meet with an experienced Behaviour

Consultant in their home to jointly develop a plan to address areas of need or priority. Consultants will assist families in applying the class information in their own lives. Families will need to set aside time to work with their consultant. The consultant will visit from 8 to a maximum of 14 times, depending on family needs and progress. Visits will be used to assess the areas of priority, to develop plans and strategies, to coach families and assist them to become comfortable with their new parenting strategies, to monitor progress and modify strategies as needed, and to develop maintenance strategies for when service ends.

3: Sibling Support Group. This component provides support to siblings of children with special needs. It is a group based on the "sibshops" model that supports and educates, while providing a forum for siblings to meet and share experiences. This



program is offered during the summer and will include outings, making it a camp type experience for siblings. We also offer an ongoing sib group sponsored by FortisBC.

### Positive Connections Philosophy Statement

Positive Connections draws upon research based practices to assist families to: reduce or prevent problem behaviours with a focus on a proactive approach; support the optimal development of their child; and to enhance the quality of life for their child and themselves.

### Referrals

To access Positive Connections please contact the Ministry for Child and Family Development CYSN office in Langley, Delta and Surrey, or speak to Camille Netherton, Reach Positive Connections Program Coordinator at [camillen@reachchild.org](mailto:camillen@reachchild.org) or at 604-946-6622 ext 302.

"We take a positive perspective and begin with strengths..."