

## Early Childhood Intervention Services and Supports Survey



The Family Support Institute, BC Association for Child Development and Intervention (BCACDI) and Inclusion BC, have embarked on an information gathering project to try and determine what the key issues and concerns are for parents of children and youth with special needs in BC. We have hosted several focus groups across the Province and are enhancing that data with information collected by this survey. The survey is only 10 questions long and should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete.

The survey asks questions regarding the services available in your community, access to these services, your awareness of Government funded programs such as the Infant Development Program, and what you feel is missing or can be improved. This survey will help the organizations identified above know where to focus their support and advocacy efforts, so your participation is crucial. The survey does not require you to provide any identifying information.

Please access the survey via this link:

<http://fluidsurveys.com/s/FamilyFeedbackServicesforCYSN/>

## **Glossary of Terms**

This glossary may be of assistance, as it provides examples of many of the programs and services available to support children and youth with special needs (and their families) in BC. However, we are certainly not limiting feedback to just the following programs:

***At Home Program*** is intended to assist parents with some of the extraordinary costs of caring for a child with severe disabilities at home. It provides assistance in two main areas: Respite Benefits and Medical Benefits

***Respite***. A respite caregiver provides care to the child while other family members have an opportunity to rest, regroup and develop strategies to make life less stressful.

The ***Infant Development Program (IDP)*** supports families with infants from birth to 3 years old who are at risk for a developmental delay or have developmental delay(s) or who are diagnosed with a disability/medical condition

***Aboriginal Infant Development Program (AIDP)*** offers support to families of infants who are at risk for or have been diagnosed with developmental delays. Programs are voluntary, family centered, and primarily focused on children ages 0-3 (in some communities 0 – 6). Aboriginal Infant Development consultants support families by providing home visits, activity planning, and developmental and family needs assessments in culturally sensitive and meaningful ways.

### ***Early Intervention Therapies:***

Occupational therapists (OT) can help children with various needs to improve their cognitive, physical, sensory, and motor skills and enhance their self-esteem and sense of accomplishment.

Physiotherapy (PT) is for children who have been injured or who have movement problems from an illness, disease, or disability.

Speech and language therapy (SLP) provides life-changing treatment, support and care for children who have difficulties with communication, or with eating, drinking and swallowing.

The ***Supported Child Development Program (SCDP)*** helps 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.

***Aboriginal Supported Child Development Program*** is designed to specifically meet the needs of Aboriginal children with special needs. ASCD recognizes that inclusion and providing early intervention and support in child care settings during the early stages of development is important. ASCD enables children who require extra support to be included in a childcare, preschool or after-school setting when their parents or caregivers are working or going to school.

***Family Resource Programs (FRPs)*** are parent/child interactive centres for families with children 0-6 years of age. Services are community-based and are designed to strengthen parenting skills and provide stimulating environments for young children.

***Parent Child Mother Goose Programs*** are for young children to support their social, cognitive and emotional development through singing, rhyming, and telling stories.