

Making a referral to the Supported Child Development Program

The SCDP accepts direct referrals from parent(s)/guardian(s).

To make a referral parents call Intake:

250-519-6763 or

250-519-6967.

Children receiving other support services within the Early Intervention Program or School Age Therapy Program can be referred internally with parent permission.



Any Questions?

Need More Information?

Contact the Supported Child Development Program at:

(250) 519-6961



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Welcome to the Supported Child Development Program



Queen Alexandra Centre for Children's Health

Greater Victoria, Sooke to Port Renfrew, Southern Gulf Islands and South Malahat

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Supported Child Development Program (SCDP)

The SCDP offers services to families whose children may require or benefit from support in their childcare setting to be fully included.

Island Health's SCD Program is part of the Early Intervention (EIP) and School Age Therapy (SATP) programs at Queen Alexandra Centre for Children's Health (QACCH).

SCDP can support children from birth to Kindergarten entry in the EIP and from Kindergarten to age thirteen in the SATP. We also have a limited teen program supporting youth from 13 – 19.

SCDP can support children who have a delay or disability in at least one area of development-

- **Physical** (difficulty with gross or fine motor development, special health care need, or a visual impairment)
- **Communication** (significant challenges in speech or language development or hearing loss)
- **Cognitive** (difficulties in learning and processing information)
- **Social/Emotional** (difficulties with peer relations and self-regulation)

A child does not need a diagnosis to access SCDP services.

What we do

We gather information from parents/guardians about the child/youth including:

- their strengths
- their development
- the type and level of support to meet their needs in the childcare setting.

We work with childcare providers so that they can better understand and include all children. We may also provide funding for additional staffing support to ensure the child's inclusion in the childcare setting.

We do not work directly with children or provide formal diagnostic assessments of a child's development.

Who we are

We work in close collaboration with families, childcare providers, therapy teams at QACCH and other community providers to support inclusion of children with extra support needs in preschool, daycare and out of school care settings. We are experienced childcare professionals who have experience with and a strong commitment to the practice of inclusion.

We can also

- Offer training, educational workshops and resources to childcare providers on inclusive practices and Positive Behaviour Support
- Share information with school districts when appropriate
- Connect families and childcare centres with other community resources
- Provide assistance to navigate systems and advocate for the child

Please note:

- To be eligible for SCDP extra staffing support funding in a daycare and out of school care setting. **Parent(s)/guardian(s) need to be working or going to school during the time the child attends childcare. ***
*Exceptions may be considered on a case by case basis.
- There are no eligibility requirements for accessing SCD funding for extra staffing support in a preschool setting.
- There is a waitlist for SCD funding for extra staffing support in all childcare settings.
- Parents are responsible for the childcare space fees. SCDP funds additional staffing supports when needed.
- Participation in the SCDP is voluntary.