

To: Fraser Valley Child Development Centre (FVDC) Stakeholders
From: Karen Dickenson Smith, Executive Director
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Subject: FVDC Response Coronavirus – COVID-19

In response to BC's State of Emergency and the Provincial Health Officer's orders, FVDC will continue to have our offices closed to the public and suspend most in-person services until further notice. As an organization we have the tools to stay connected remotely and informed with our staff and community. Referrals and intakes for services continue to be available.

It is important for children, youth, and their families to stay connected in this unprecedented time. We are committed to supporting connection in creative ways tailored for each family and community. In response to COVID-19 we are adapting services in the following ways:

Infant Development, Supported Child Development, and Infant/Child Development

- Our staff are providing consultation via phone and technology platforms for families, daycares, pediatric specialists, and schools
- Program Support Workers are delivering childcare for essential service providers, with rigorous measures in place to protect the safety of clients and staff
- Our staff are creating online resources for parents and Early Years groups

Family Services: Clinical Counselling, Key Worker, and Family Enrichment

- We offer therapeutic counselling by phone, at adjusted hours, to support families in crisis
- Our Key Workers connect with families by phone and provide online education to schools
- Our Behavioural Interventionists are supporting families via technology platforms

Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, and Speech Language Therapy

- Our Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists are supporting families, schools, and community agencies by phone and via email and virtual platforms
- We are collaborating with school districts on their plans for future gradual reopening
- Our Speech Language Pathologists and Assistants are providing many services virtually and by phone, and resources for families at home. We are working to find ways to deliver full assessments online

Resumption of in-person services is dependent on direction from the Provincial Health Officer. If you have any questions, concerns, or require more information about service delivery please contact the relevant Department Head listed below. Thank you and stay healthy.

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