

Fraser Valley Child Development Centre

We care for a child's growth and development. We understand that no two children or families are the same - each one has different needs, skills, challenges, interests and resources.

Infant Development

Families with children under three years of age are usually introduced to the services provided by FVDC by an Infant Development Consultant. The consultant, as the service coordinator, will support the family, help them set goals for their child, guide them as they incorporate suggestions into daily routines, and learn to become advocates for their child. The Infant Development Consultant will assist parents (who know their child best and are able to spend the most time with them) to interact and play in a way that will encourage development. Infant Development Consultants have a minimum of a Bachelors Degree in an area related to early childhood development (therapy, nursing, education, social work, etc.)

Supported Child Development

Supported Child Development Consultants assist families who have children with extra support needs to access inclusive child care that meets the family needs. Services are provided to children from birth to twelve years of age who have a developmental delay or disability. Currently the FVDC provides Supported Child Development Services in Abbotsford and Chilliwack. Supported Child Development Consultants have a degree related to Early Childhood Development (Child and Youth Care, Psychology etc.) or their Special Needs Diploma, Early Childhood Certificate.

Child Development

The Child Development Consultant serves families of children with extra support needs from three to five years of age and who are not actively receiving services from the FVDC - Supported Child Development Program. The consultant assists families in planning and coordinating therapy services for their children that they are receiving through FVDC. They support families through the process of developing and implementing a plan that is based on the family's priorities for their child. The Child Development Consultants have a degree related to Early Childhood Development (Child and Youth Care, Psychology, Nursing, Education, Social Work, etc.)

Family Support

A Family Support Worker may be the first person a family meets when they are referred to the FVDC or they may become involved at a later date. They support families who are receiving Early Intervention services from the Centre. Family Support Workers believe each family is unique and understand their role as one that builds on family strengths and capacity. Family Support Workers provide supportive counseling, parent support, referrals, coordination, resources, information and advocacy for families upon their request. They collaborate with the child's team within the centre and the community. A family support worker is available in English and Punjabi. Family Support Workers have a degree in Social Work, Child and Youth Care.



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Occupational Therapy

Our Occupational Therapists serve children who have physical and/or developmental delays as a result of neurological, musculoskeletal and genetic disorders. The Occupational Therapist's main concern is a child's success in the areas of productivity, self-care, and leisure. They work to enhance a child's independence with everyday skills such as feeding, dressing, seating, toileting, age appropriate play skills, hand function and sensory processing. All Occupational Therapists at FVDC have a Bachelors and/or Masters Degree in Occupational Therapy or equivalent and are licensed with the College of Occupational Therapists of British Columbia.

Speech and Language Therapy

The Speech and Language Therapists help infants and preschool children who have difficulty communicating with speech, language and hearing disorders. Their goal is to help these children communicate to the best of their ability at home and in the community. All Speech-Language Pathologists at FVDC have a Masters Degree or equivalent in speech-language pathology and must be eligible for full membership in the Canadian and/or British Columbia Associations of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists.

Key Worker

The Key Worker assists the families and caregivers of children and youth who have Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and other complex developmental behavioural conditions (CDBC). Key Workers provide support for families during the diagnostic process, advocate for services and disseminate information specific to the child's needs. It is a community based and family centered service. All Key Workers have a Bachelor or Master's Degree in a field related to child and youth development (Child and Youth Care, Social Worker, Psychology).

Physical Therapy

Our Physical Therapists provide services to children with developmental delays and are available to help with your concerns about your child's movement and physical independence. The Physical Therapist will be looking at your child's physical abilities at each stage of their development to assess such skills as rolling, sitting, crawling, walking, climbing, running and jumping. All Physical Therapists at FVDC have a Bachelor or Masters Degree in Physical Therapy or equivalent and are licensed with the College of Physical Therapists of British Columbia.

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Next Step Autism Program - the Next Step Autism Intervention Program is committed to enhancing the quality of life for young children with Autism Spectrum Disorder through intensive, individualized early intervention services. This includes assessment, individual and group therapy, socialization, opportunities to discover self, and behaviour intervention. The intervention team consists of Educational Behavioural Consultants, Speech and Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists and Behavioural Interventionists. (Available Abbotsford and Chilliwack)

Assessment Clinic – provides multidisciplinary team based assessments for the diagnosis of Autism or complex developmental and behavioral disorder (such as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum), through a contract with the Provincial Health Services Authority. Privately funded assessments also available through this clinic which is located in Abbotsford.

Behavior Support – provides behavioral consultation and individualized interventions to children and youth with developmental needs who have significant behavioral challenges. Parental Support and education is a component of this program. (Available in Abbotsford)

Triple P Parenting – Evidence based parenting programs based on attachment theory, developing positive relationships with children and providing consistent rules, limits and language. FVDC staff are trained to provide programs in an individual and group format geared toward families of children with developmental needs. (Provided in Abbotsford, Mission and Chilliwack).

Early Childhood Mental Health Program – in partnership with school districts, the Ministry of Children and Family Development, preschools and daycares. Services include individualized programs and specialized groups responding to children with social emotional needs. (Abbotsford).

Kindergarten and Beyond – providing an extensive network of support to children with social emotional concerns through awareness, education, prevention and early intervention strategies. CALM Early Learning groups implement preschool and school age programming for children who have difficulty managing their behaviors and emotions.

South Asian Family and Community Support - providing linguistically and culturally appropriate family and community support for children 0-5 years with developmental needs in the South Asian community. (Provided in Abbotsford and Mission)

