

The New Westminster Children's Centre provides services for families whose children and youth need additional support. The NWCC is a joint initiative of the Simon Fraser Society for Community Living and SHARE Family and Community Services Society.



# Referrals

Referrals are easy to make. We accept referrals from parents, public health nurses, doctors, hospitals, and other community service providers. If you are making a referral on behalf of a family please remember to obtain their written consent.

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# **Available Services**

#### **Family Support**

Parents with children birth to school entry

The Family Support Worker can help families coordinate referrals to other programs within the NWCC, make referrals to other services and supports in New Westminster and provide transition supports to families and children entering school.

# **Infant Development Program (IDP)**

Infants and toddlers, birth to 3 years old

This is a home visiting program for families of children with developmental disabilities, delays, or who are at risk for delay, from birth to age three. IDP consultants help families with strategies to encourage child development, and provide them with information about useful community resources as desired.

## Physical Therapy (PT)

Children birth to kindergarten entry, at which time school-age PT may begin

Physical therapists can assess and help children improve strength, physical development, balance, and coordination. Therapists may suggest equipment to help children develop motor skills.

School Age PT works with schools to support students in their school setting. They plan with families and the school based team to develop Individual Education Plan (IEP) goals.

### **Speech Language Therapy (SLP)**

Children from birth to kindergarten entry

Speech language therapists can assess the speech, language, and communication abilities of children. They provide suggestions, strategies, and/or therapy to help a child's speech, language, and communication skills develop.

### **Occupational Therapy (OT)**

Children birth to kindergarten entry, at which time school-age OT may begin

Occupational therapists can help children develop selfcare skills, such as dressing, feeding, and toileting. They also help with play skills, small motor development, and sensory development. OTs may suggest and help families access special toys or equipment.

School age OT works with students in their school setting. They plan with families and the school based team to develop Individual Education Plan (IEP) goals.

### Supported Child Development Program (SCD)

Children and youth from birth to 19 years old

This program promotes and supports the inclusion of children who require additional support and their families, within their choice of child care program.

Supported Child Development Consultants work with the family and child care provider to coordinate extra supports through individual planning allowing all families to have the same range of child care options such as preschool, group child care and after school care. Extra supports may include the lending of toys and equipment, training opportunities for staff in child care settings and referrals to other community services.

# **Key Worker Services (KW)**

Children and youth from birth to 19 years old

Key workers provide support for families with children/ youth who may have Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder or a similar need. Families can receive assistance with the assessment process and with developing ideas about how to change environments to better support children. KWs can also provide families with a variety of resources and supports including information about parent groups.

