



## Ministry Of Children and Family Development

### Overview of Supports and Services Children and Youth with Special Needs

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## MCFD CYSN Services

- A range of child, youth and family-focused support programs and interventions to:
- promote children's healthy development
- maximize quality of life
- assist families in their role as primary caregivers
- Many Foundational/Provincial supports and services do not require the involvement of a MCFD Social Worker

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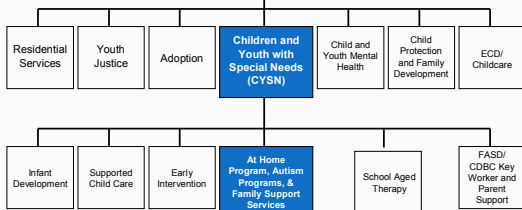
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## Foundational Programs

- 'Prevention' programs for children and youth who have, or are at risk for, a developmental delay or disability
- **Diagnosis not required**

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
Infant Development																				
Aboriginal Infant Development																				
Supported Child Development [excl Aboriginal]																				
Early Intervention Therapies																				
School-aged Therapies																				

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## CYSN Program Area: Family Support Services

- CYSN Family Support Services transferred back to MCFD from CLBC on November 1, 2009.
- Under the Child and Family Service Act this program area provides supports and services to a child with special needs who meets specific eligibility criteria
- Services are Voluntary and Family Driven

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## CYSN Worker's Role May Include:

- Determining Eligibility for CYSN supports and services
- Providing information and referral support (formal/generic)
- Completing the Priority for Service Tool with eligible families and adds child/youth to the community Priority Service list
- Administration of At Home/Direct Funding agreements: Support Service Agreements and other agreements as needed
- Case Management: Working with family and with Multidisciplinary/Care Teams
- Supporting Youth and Family in Transition Planning
- Guardianship Supports/Services for Children in Care

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## Eligibility Criteria

- Ages 0-19
- Resident of British Columbia
- “3 Streams” for Eligibility:
  - 1) Documented Developmental Disability:
    - DSM IV Criteria for “Mental Retardation”
    - DSM V Criteria for “Intellectual Disability”
  - 2) Diagnosed with Autism/Autism Spectrum Disorder
  - 3) Assessed as Eligible for the At Home Program

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## Eligibility Process

- CYSN Workers review assessment reports to confirm eligibility.
- CYSN Workers may assist the family to gather eligibility documentation.
- If the child is not eligible the CYSN Worker will assist the family with information/referrals to other formal/informal community supports/services
- If eligible the family will be assigned a CYSN Worker to assist them to access CYSN and generic support services

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## Developmental Disability

- For children and youth with a developmental disability, the following documents are required:
  - Proof that the child or youth is under the age of nineteen (such as a birth certificate)
  - Current BC Care Card (as proof of residency)
  - DSM diagnosis completed by a BC Registered Psychologist, Registered Psychological Associate, or Certified School Psychologist

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## Family Support Services

- **Respite :**
- Contracted/In Home/Direct Funded
- Income Tested  
(provides rest or relief to help families maintain and enhance their independence and quality of life)
- **Behaviour Support:**
- Specialized Support by qualified professionals:  
(assessment/training/counselling/planning and other supports to children, families and caregivers)

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## Family Support Services

- **Parent Support:**
- Parent support groups/skills training/counselling/life skills/organized activities
- **Homemaker/Home Support Workers:**
- Emergency Childcare, respite and household management in times of crisis.
- Not intended to replace regular respite/childcare services
- Income Tested

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## Family Support Services

- **Out of Home Living:**
- Residential Services for Children in Care under a Special Needs Agreement
- Regular Homes/Restricted Homes/Specialized Homes
- Staffed Family Home Model/Staffed Specialized Home
- **Family Support:**
- Child and Youth Care workers/Social Skills Groups

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# Provincial Pamphlet Special Needs

## An Overview

In B.C., the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) offers a range of funding and support services for children and youth with special needs. The Ministry of Health and Social Services also offers programs for these youth.

Services are intended to promote your child's health and development, increase a parent's skills and confidence, and help to ensure your child's needs are met. They can help you to:

• meet your child's needs  
 • support your child's development  
 • help your child to reach their full potential  
 • support your child's health and well-being  
 • help your child to live a happy and healthy life

Programs and services are available to children and youth with special needs. They can help you to:

**Autism Services and Therapeutic Programs**  
 Funding to assist families and the full range of services to support your child's development, health, and well-being. For more information, visit [www.mcfd.ca](http://www.mcfd.ca).

**Adaptive Development Program/ Adaptive Therapeutic Program (ADP)**  
 ADP provides funding to support your child's development, health, and well-being. For more information, visit [www.mcfd.ca](http://www.mcfd.ca).

**Supportive Child Development/ Therapeutic Services**  
 These services support your child's development, health, and well-being. For more information, visit [www.mcfd.ca](http://www.mcfd.ca).

**Early Intervention Therapeutic Programs**  
 Children's Developmental Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology, and Family Support Services.

**Respite Services**  
 Respite services provide temporary relief for parents and caregivers. For more information, visit [www.mcfd.ca](http://www.mcfd.ca).

**Post-Secondary Special Needs (PSSN) My Access and Assist Program**  
 This program provides funding to support your child's post-secondary education. For more information, visit [www.mcfd.ca](http://www.mcfd.ca).

**Religious Program**  
 This program provides funding to support your child's religious activities. For more information, visit [www.mcfd.ca](http://www.mcfd.ca).

**Provincial High and Adult Housing Services**  
 These services provide funding to support your child's housing needs. For more information, visit [www.mcfd.ca](http://www.mcfd.ca).

**Provincial Outreach and Independent Services**  
 These services provide funding to support your child's independent living needs. For more information, visit [www.mcfd.ca](http://www.mcfd.ca).

**More Information**  
 Visit [www.mcfd.ca](http://www.mcfd.ca) for more information on these services. You can also call 1-800-663-9122.




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