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CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE'S MISSION STATEMENT - To provide specialized services for children and their families that promote optimum child development.

What is the Family Support Program?

- One of 5 programs offered at the Child Development Centre
- A home and community outreach program for children and teens with identified special needs and their families.

How Do I Access the Program?

We work in partnership with the Ministry of Children and Family Development, Community Living Services Branch.

- The program is for children/youth, 0-19 years of age who the Ministry identifies as having special needs.
- All referrals are from the Ministry of Child and Family Development Community Living Branch.
- Parents can call the Community Living Services office at (250) 729-2500 and meet with a Social Worker to determine if Family Support is an option.
- Families must live in the Nanaimo area.
- There is no cost for the program.

Family Support Workers Assist With:

- Knowledge, assistance and partnership and special needs of your child
- Understanding Behavior
- Self esteem
- Social skills
- Life skills
- Parenting concerns
- Community integration & inclusion
- Child and family advocacy
- Collaboration with community agencies

The Family Support Program Provides Opportunities

For Children and Teens With Identified Special Needs:

- To discover their abilities
- To become more independent
- To be involved in their community
- To work and have fun together

For parents:

- To meet other parents
- To discuss parenting concerns
- To learn new ways to support your child by increasing skills and knowledge

For the whole family:

- To meet other families who may have similar experiences
- Opportunities to build family-to-family connections

What Services Does the Program Offer?

The Family Support Program Offers:

- Individual programs to address the needs and goals of each child and family
- Group programming for children and teens to provide opportunities to socialize and to learn with others and develop skills
- Parent education workshops
- Family Events