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Mission Statement

The Aboriginal Supported Child Development Team (ASCD) strives to support the healthy growth and development of Aboriginal children and families.

We provide support to families living on Traditional Land or in urban settings in the South Vancouver Island region, which includes the nine local First Nations. Support is culturally sensitive, voluntary and family centred.

If you would like additional information about all programs available at the Victoria Native Friendship Centre, please visit our website at www.vnfc.ca

GIVING THANKS

We give thanks to the Songhees First Nation and to the Esquimalt First Nation whose land our office is located on.

We give thanks to the Coast Salish People for allowing us to live and work on this beautiful land.

We also give thanks to the Ministry of Children and Family Development who provides us with funding to share this program with Aboriginal children and families.

Last but not least, we give thanks to all of the families we work with; we admire your courage, love, and passion for your children.

Every child is a unique gift from the Creator



ABORIGINAL SUPPORTED CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



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About the Aboriginal Supported Child Development

Aboriginal Supported Child Development (ASCD) is a provincial program, funded by the Ministry of Children and Family Development that is designed to specifically meet the needs of children who require extra support. ASCD recognizes that inclusion and providing intervention and support during the early stages of development is important and allows children to grow and learn in safe and nurturing environments.

The South Vancouver Island ASCD Program was created with Aboriginal cultural values, beliefs, and traditions in mind. ASCD provides culturally safe services for children to support their participation in child care settings such as preschool, daycare, before and after school care, and community programs.

The ASCD Program provides services for children, birth to 12 years of age, who need support in the following areas: physical, communication, cognitive, social/emotional and behavioural development.

What will the ASCD Program provide?

Recognizing the importance of relationship your ASCD Consultant will work together with you to best meet your child's needs through:

- ◆ Visiting at home and in your child's child care setting
- ◆ Planning activities to support your child's growth and development
- ◆ Completing developmental screenings and assessments at your request
- ◆ Supporting you to access community resources and health services
- ◆ Providing funding for extra staffing support in child care settings if required
- ◆ Offering education and support for families and child care providers

How do I access ASCD services?

Parents, grandparents and foster parents may self-refer, or with the family's consent, a referral may come from other community service providers.

“Heart, body, mind, and spirit
Make up all the parts of you
Keep them connected always
In everything you say and do”

| know | am | Precious and Sacred



A provincial logo for ASCD was developed by the artist John Powell from Alert Bay. John created a beautiful logo representing the generations travelling together, carried by a juvenile eagle feather, crossing four bands of colour representing the four directions.



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