

South Vancouver Island Aboriginal Infant Development Program

The first three years of life are the most important time in a child's growth and development. Sometimes babies need extra support during the early years.

The Aboriginal Infant Development Program (AIDP) works with families in respectful ways to support families and their infants through their early developmental stages.

AIDP provides support to families where there is a child from birth to age three years who is showing developmental delays or is at risk of developmental concerns. For these children, intervention and support can be the most effective when it is begun as early as possible.

Each child is a special gift from the Creator. The Aboriginal Infant Development Program's Mission is to honor this gift by supporting the development of Aboriginal children within the context of family, community, and culture, and by offering access to culturally appropriate early intervention programming.



Aboriginal Infant Development Program is:

- culturally sensitive
- voluntary and family centered
- for children birth to 3 years



Program at a Glance

The AIDP supports families by offering:

- Home visits.
- Activity planning to support infant growth and development.
- Developmental screening and assessment.
- Resource information.
- Referrals to community agencies and health services as needed.
- Service coordination to support children's needs.
- A lending library that includes books, videos, and toys.

The AIDP supports communities by offering

- Parenting talks.
- And by participating in or implementing local play groups.

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The South Vancouver Island Aboriginal Infant Development Program serves Aboriginal families from across the region who have children from birth to three years of age.

In these early years children bond with others, they learn how to communicate and they learn how to explore their world.

Contact the AIDP if you would like to know more about:

- Parenting ideas
- Your child's development
- Play and learning
- Challenging behaviour
- Support for a child with special needs
- Community resources



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The South Vancouver Island Aboriginal Infant Development Program is funded by the Ministry for Children and Family Development and administered by the Victoria Native Friendship Centre. The program is also guided by a Local Advisory Committee made up of representatives from all the First Nations and Urban Aboriginal communities in the region.

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