

The Centre for Child Development *of the Lower Mainland*

South Fraser's Centre of Excellence for Children's Medical Rehabilitation & Child Youth Services



2024-2025

**SUPPORTER
IMPACT SUMMARY**

Fundraising by the Child Development Foundation of BC

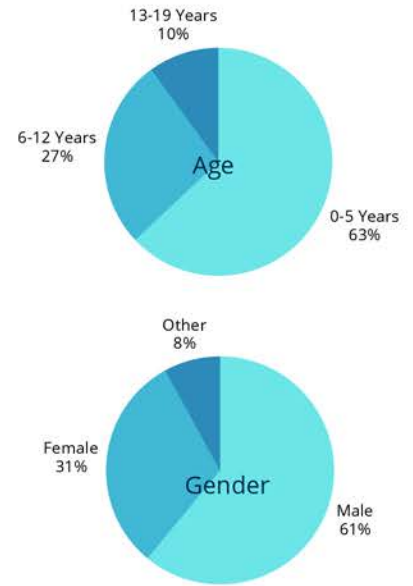
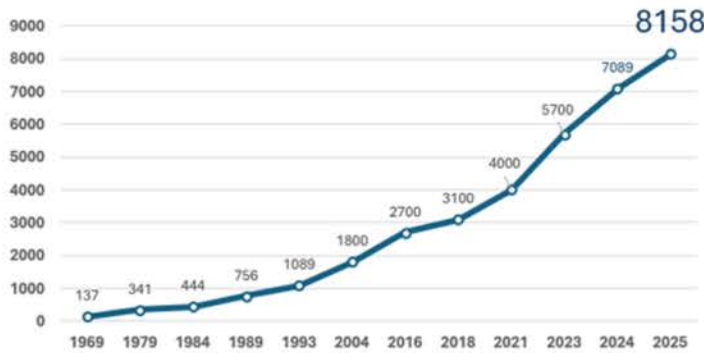
Who We Serve: 2024-2025

Our donors & funders are critical partners, helping us provide over 16 services to **more than 8,000** children (0-19 years old) and their families in **over 350 locations** throughout Surrey, Delta, White Rock, and Langley.

Thank you for helping make this possible!

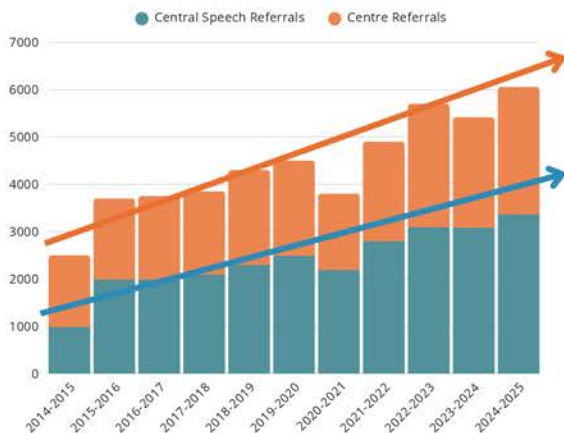
We served **over 8,000** children and youth in 2024-2025, including **over 230** at Sophie's Place!

Children Served/Year



We received **almost the same** number of new service requests!

Total Referrals Processed/Year



Services and Needs Supported

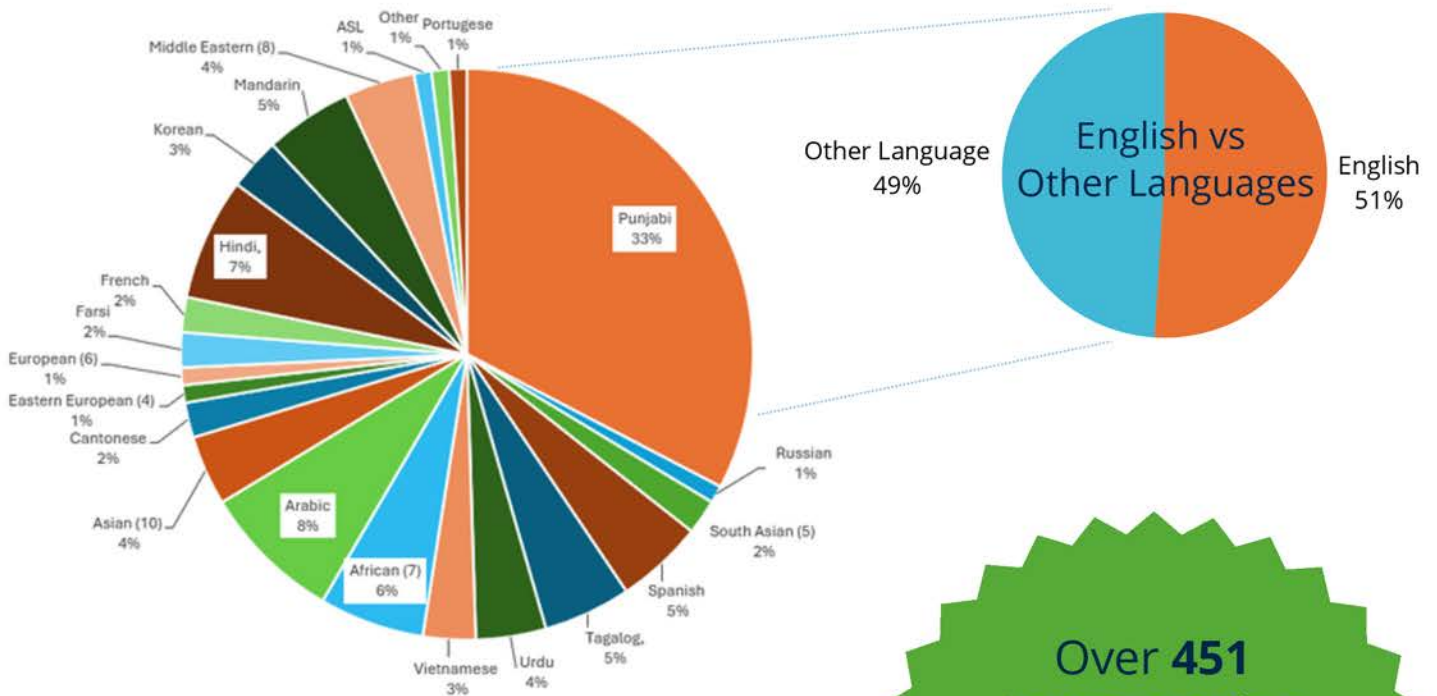
	Support Needs	Neurodevelopmental Disorders	Congenital Anomalies/ Genetic Syndrome	Developmental Disorders	Neurological Disorders	Orthopedic Diseases	Total Development
		e.g., Autism, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Substance Exposure	e.g., Cleft Palate, Down's Syndrome, Fragile X Syndrome, Williams Syndrome	e.g., Autism, Asperger, Foa or Gross Motor Delay, Language Disorders, Visual or Hearing Impairment	e.g., Ataxia, Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy, Epilepsy, Spina Bids	e.g., Arthrogryposis, Scoliosis, Club Feet, Casting & Splinting	
Medical Rehabilitation Services	Casting & Splinting		🌟	🌟	🌟	🌟	
	Communication Therapy	🌟		🌟	🌟	🌟	
	Developmental Pediatrician	🌟					
	Equipment Team		🌟	🌟	🌟	🌟	
	Feeding Team		🌟	🌟	🌟	🌟	
	Occupational Therapy	🌟	🌟	🌟	🌟	🌟	
	Physiotherapy	🌟	🌟	🌟	🌟	🌟	
Recreation Therapy	🌟	🌟	🌟	🌟	🌟		
Child & Youth Services	Early Years	🌟	🌟	🌟	🌟	🌟	🌟
	Parent Support	🌟	🌟	🌟	🌟	🌟	
	Psychology	🌟	🌟	🌟	🌟	🌟	
	Service Navigation	🌟	🌟	🌟	🌟	🌟	
	Social Work	🌟	🌟	🌟	🌟	🌟	
SCD & CC	Childcare & Preschool	🌟	🌟	🌟	🌟	🌟	🌟
	Supported Child Care	🌟	🌟	🌟	🌟	🌟	
Sophie's Place CYAC	Child Protection Services						🌟
	Police Services						🌟
	Victim Support Services	🌟	🌟	🌟	🌟	🌟	🌟

Who We Serve: 2024-2025

Ours is a very diverse region and the needs of our children and families are often complicated with other challenges such as not speaking English. Our donor-supported interpretation services help make receiving services more accessible and easier to understand.

Thank you for helping fund these services- you help make new families feel welcome and supported.

Other Languages Chosen



"It was amazing. I learnt so much and always look forward to more of such programs at [the] Centre."

"It was my first time, I felt so nice and will love to attend more."

- Parents' comments from groups facilitated in Hindi and Punjabi, translated.

Over 451
Interpretation
sessions-
completely
supported by
your donations!

\$60,000
supported
by your
donations!

Donor Supported Services

These life-changing programs are supported by **your** donations!

The Centre for Child Development has developed specialized and unique programs to address support gaps for the children we serve. Many of these programs are vital to their development, time-sensitive, and life-changing; without your gifts, these families wouldn't have access to these essential supports.

We are very grateful for **donors like you** who recognize the importance of having the following services available to children in our community.

Casting & Splinting

Our team makes custom casts and splints to correctively maintain arms/legs in a certain position and/or to help children overcome activity limitations, such as difficulties with standing and walking.

As children grow and change, new customized casts/splints are made to support their development.

This service is provided free of charge (average cast/splint can cost approximately \$700-800).



111
kids/youth

702
service
hours

Equipment Team

We customize children's mobility devices (wheelchairs, strollers, power-chairs) to make the most of each child's unique mobility needs so they can fully participate at home, school, and in the community.

Our Equipment team works in consultation with the child, their family, therapists, physicians, hospitals, and equipment suppliers to meet the child's functional positioning/mobility needs and goals, and monitor for growth and physical changes.



111
kids/youth

751
service
hours

Feeding & Nutrition

Feeding & Nutrition is an intensive program for some of the most medically involved and youngest children whose feeding safety/nutrition is compromised due to developmental disabilities.

Our multi-disciplinary and specialized team provides feeding assessments, recommendations on positioning, equipment and food, and works with children to develop skills for safe swallowing.

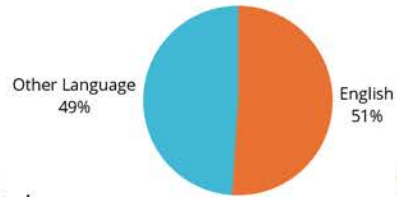
125
kids/youth

1,873
service
hours



Interpretation Services

Ours is a very diverse community and almost half of our families indicate their primary language isn't English. Communicating in their primary language can help families better understand therapy sessions, and have a deeper connection with their child's development. Thanks to our very generous donors, we arrange interpretation services for sessions without charge to our families who need it.



\$60,000
supported
by
donations

Over **451**
Interpretation
sessions-
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Recreation Services

Our unique therapeutic pool is equipped to enable easy access for all ability levels. Children are helped with a range of abilities, from clumsiness or coordination challenges and gross motor delays to cerebral palsy, spina bifida, muscle disease or orthopedic conditions.

Collaborative recreation therapy programs are designed to help children develop and integrate gross motor skills, independence, and communication skills. The pool's warmer water makes therapy easier, relaxing muscles while helping build muscle strength and improve balance. A smaller pool is also more accessible for those with sensory sensitivities (autism).



406
pool
sessions

Sophie's Place

Sophie's Place provides compassionate and nurturing services to victims of physical and/or sexual abuse (up to age 15) in a safe and compassionate environment, reducing trauma while fostering trust, healing, and resilience.

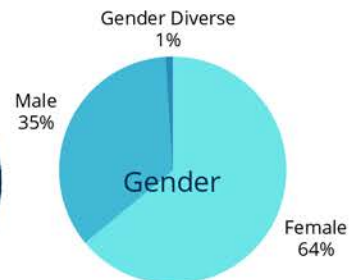
Our multi-disciplinary, collaborative team of specialized professionals (police, victim services workers, and social workers) focuses on minimizing trauma in an environment that's supportive, friendly and focused on the children and youth we serve.

As the Lower Mainland's first Child & Youth Advocacy Centre, we are the only one housed in a child development centre. This neutral setting eliminates the stress of giving a statement in an adult facility and protects children's safety and privacy.

The integrative nature of Sophie's Place also reduces trauma and stress for families- they don't need to struggle with navigating our systems, everyone they need is in one place.



232
kids/youth



Our Services

The Centre is grateful to our funders in the Ministry of Children and Family Development, and all our donors, sponsors and supporters for their unwavering commitment to help so many children and families in our community.

Several specialized programs that enhance the impact of our key services are largely supported by your donations, like our [Recreation Therapy](#), [Feeding & Nutrition Team](#), [Casting & Splinting Program](#), and [Sophie's Place](#).

Thank you for helping make a *real difference* in the lives of our children!

- We empower children and families, identifying and supporting each child's unique strengths and abilities.
- We believe a child's family is an integral part of the therapy team, and our focus is training and support of caregivers so they can help their child learn and develop.
- We take a play-based approach, with activities that are fun and purposeful, maximizing function.

Child and Youth Services

Psychology & Social Work

We provide services to children with a developmental disability and a significant behavioural and/or mental health condition (behavioural problems, FASD, neurodevelopmental disorders).

We help with:

- anxiety, depression, behavioural problems
- assist with achieving developmental tasks complicated by disability (sleep, toileting)
- applying for funding, navigating healthcare system

989
kids/youth

16,607
service
hours

Early Years Program

A program open to all families with children ages 0-6 years old (especially from immigrant & at-risk communities).

We help with:

- connecting families with appropriate community services (childcare, housing, food banks)

2,402
kids/youth

8,468
service
hours



Supported Child Development & Childcare

Supported Child Development

Our team supports children living in Surrey with a developmental delay or disability and who may require extra support, focusing on early intervention to enable full participation in inclusive community childcare programs.

Our guiding principles are:

- inclusion
- collaborative individual planning
- child development
- community based
- cultural respect

1,291
kids/youth

249,860
service
hours



Childcare and Preschool

Our Childcare and Preschool programs are licensed, inclusive, play-based programs. The structured environment and positive teacher-child interactions promote a learning environment that recognizes the wide range of learning needs and the variety of all children's learning styles.

Our inclusive and accessible facilities enable children with and without support needs to fully participate at their own unique level of development. Children of all mobility levels enjoy our fully accessible playground, empowering them to experience the benefits of outdoor play and exploration.

Through teacher-supervised play, children gain:

- social skills, emotional growth
- cognitive development, language and communication skills
- fine motor development & gross motor skills
- self-help skills

26 children
Preschool

52 children
Childcare
Under 3 and
3-5



Medical Rehabilitation

Communication Therapy

Our speech-language pathologists (SLPs) work with families and caregivers to help children with physical or developmental delays to maximize their communication skills and ability to participate in family life, preschool and peer relationships.

We help with:

- verbal & non-verbal communication
- social interaction & play skills
- strategies to promote language development

1,581
kids/youth

12,175
service
hours



Occupational Therapy

Our occupational therapists work with families and caregivers to help children and youth maximize their fine motor control and ability to function and participate at home, school, and in their community.

We help with:

- hand function
- self-care skills (dressing, feeding)
- pre-writing, writing, scissor skills
- equipment selection/adaptation
- play skills

1,827
kids/youth

25,329
service
hours

Physiotherapy

Our physiotherapists work with families and caregivers to help children and youth maximize their gross motor potential to be as independent as possible at home, school, and in their community.

We help with:

- reaching gross motor development milestones
- balance, walking, running
- coordination skills
- muscle weakness, decreased flexibility
- equipment selection/adaptation

1,275
kids/youth

16,616
service
hours



Mission, Vision, Values

Our mission continues to be helping children with special needs reach their potential.

Our vision is that children have the best opportunities to succeed in all areas of their lives.

Our values reflect that our highest priority is the well-being, safety and success of our children.



Our Commitment

Each child is one of a kind. They may speak any of the 104 plus languages spoken in the South Fraser region. They may be an immigrant or a refugee. They may be Indigenous. They may require an interpreter or the comfort of an Elder. We strive to support children and families with respect, dignity, empathy, and in a safe, trauma-informed space.

We commit to **honouring each child and their family** in every configuration, respecting their deeply held heritage, life experience, community, culture, and beliefs. They want to know that they enter a safe space. They need to know that their family is most welcome here. Each child has a unique story to tell of where they come from and what they need. We are committed to listen, learn, and respond to each child and their family with utmost care.

Our Approach

We are committed to using the best available practices in our fields, ensuring that our donors and funders are supporting the most impactful therapies to help our children reach their full potential.

The F-words is based on World Health Organization supported research.* This framework emphasizes each child's strengths, interests and the family's values. They remind us to focus on what children CAN do.

They highlight the importance of all the elements of a child's health and well-being, including social relationships and meaningful participation at home, in school, childcare and in the community.

*Based on research & built on the World Health Organization's International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health Framework. www.canchild.ca/f-words

Family



Friends



Fun



Fitness



Function



Future



Message from our Chair & CEO

The Centre: going above and beyond to help children and their families since 1953

“The Centre’s overarching story since 1953 is going above and beyond, innovating to help children and their families through direct services and fostering inclusion.

We have had quite the year, yet despite the challenges, we have increased the number of children, youth, and families by 13% to **8,158**. We have increased the number of staff by 14% to 241. And we have increased our revenue by 17% to \$21.4M.

This was accomplished despite our gyms undergoing repair for approximately six months due to a car accident. We are very grateful that no one was hurt. Our amazing and innovative staff rallied quickly to find alternate locations for therapy, and workarounds were found for equipment storage.

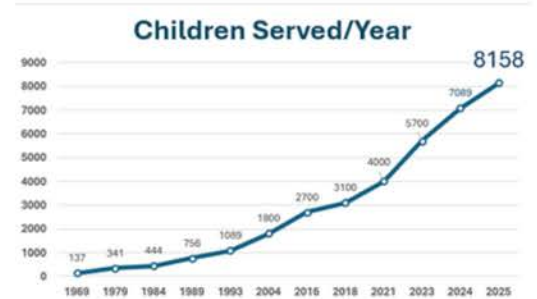
Innovation underlies nearly all that The Centre has achieved this year. A new service developed by one of our VPs and began last year has greatly reduced waitlists for children before they transition into kindergarten. Likewise, our Supported Child Development program has exceeded their target to provide workshops and other training opportunities for childcare providers.

We have worked with Indigenous Elders and advisors to re-imagine Sophie’s Place Child and Youth Advocacy Centre, a program of The Centre, to be a place that is culturally safe. This year, we welcome members from the new Surrey Police Services (SPS) into Sophie’s Place and will assist their integration into the Sophie’s Place multi-disciplinary team so that children who are abused receive the best seamless, wraparound care during a traumatic time in their young lives.

We are very appreciative of the support from the Ministry of Children and Family Development, the Department of Justice, the Solicitor General/BC Civil Forfeiture Grant, and the Surrey, Delta, and Langley School Districts that enable us to serve children, youth and families.

Most of our services are funded by these ministries and agencies. Some, however, rely on donations, such as our specialty teams and our therapy pool.

We thank all those who donate through the Child Development Foundation of BC! ”



Mary Martin
Centre Board Chair



Gerard Bremault, MSW, RSW
Chief Executive Officer

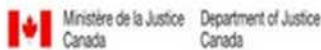
Thank You

The Centre for Child Development's mission is to help children with special needs reach their potential.

For The Centre, this means helping as many children as we possibly can by expanding our programs, increasing our staff and being innovative with how we deliver services.

The need is great and continues to increase. Thank you for your commitment, helping the children we serve explore their potential and say "Yes, I can!"

We are very grateful for the ongoing and very generous support of our government partners, families, Board Directors, volunteers, and dedicated staff.



And, of course, many thanks go to our event attendees, corporate supporters, and our very generous donors. Thank you for being a part of this story making a huge difference in the lives of the children and families we serve- THANK YOU!!

More information about The Centre for Child Development and our services: www.the-centre.org

Support our life-changing work: www.the-centre.org/donate



We respectfully acknowledge the ǫʷa:ńłəń (Kwantlen), xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), ǫíćəy̓ (Katzie), Semyoʷme (Semiahmoo), scewəθən məsteyəxʷ (Tsawwassen First Nation), qiqəy̓t (Qayqayt) and kʷikʷəłəm (Kwkwetlem) peoples on whose traditional territories The Centre for Child Development stands, and whose historical relationship with the land continues to this day. For more information: [In Plain Sight Summary Report](#).

