



Key Worker Program



The Centre for Child Development

Therapy, care & support under one umbrella

www.the-centre.org/key-workers



Families We Support

The Key Worker program serves children and youth with a variety of complex neurodevelopmental conditions. These include conditions such as Complex Developmental Behavioural Conditions (CDBC), Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), or conditions with similar challenges. Children and youth eligible for the Key Worker program have delays in multiple areas of brain functioning such as self-control, daily living skills, attention, decision-making and planning, which lead to a significant developmental delay.

Children/youth do not need to have a formal diagnosis to be referred to the Key Worker program.

We support families who live:

- in Surrey (north of 48 Avenue), with children aged 0 to 12
- in Langley, with children and youth aged 0 to 19



Key Worker Program Goals

The Key Worker program at The Centre for Child Development has three main goals:

- to help the children we serve to reach their potential
- to provide a supportive environment where parents and caregivers can connect with each other and learn about how neurodevelopmental disorders impact children, youth and families
- to provide training and consultation to the community in order to increase the ability of other professionals to provide effective and appropriate services to children and youth with neurodevelopmental disorders and their families

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 work is guided by the principle of family-centred care. We believe that parents are the experts when it comes to their children.

Key Workers- Types of Services

We provide family-centered support services. The nature of our work depends on the needs of the family and may include working alongside the child/youth, family members, school, and community agencies.

Our family-centered work is usually short term, about 6 months. Examples of services we provide include:

- giving information
- assisting with behavioural strategies or life skills
- linking the family to services
- helping families meet their own, as well as the child's needs

We provide educational groups to parents and caregivers of children and youth with neurodevelopmental disorders, which cover topics such as lifespan development, advocacy, accessing community resources, and self-care.

We also run a support group which provides a chance to meet with other parents and other caregivers who are raising children with neurodevelopmental disorders.

We provide training and consultation to government and community agencies, and work alongside these agencies to enhance the integration, coordination, and accessibility of services for families with a child/youth with neurodevelopmental disorders.

Who Can Make a Referral?

Referrals to the Key Worker program can be made by family members, or by any professional working with a child or youth. Referrals must obtain consent from the child's legal guardian before making a referral.

How to Make a Referral

You can make a referral to the Key Worker program using our [online referral form](#) or [download a paper version](#) from our website (mail or fax to us) or you can call and ask to have a referral form mailed to you.

Diagnosis

If you have concerns about your child's development, speak with your family doctor or primary care provider. If appropriate, they can refer you to a pediatrician. The pediatrician will meet with you to discuss your concerns, and may recommend a referral to Sunny Hill Health Centre for an assessment.



More Information

For more information about The Centre for Child Development and our services:

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