

Squamish Nation Infant Development Program

“The Squamish Nation Family Program promotes healthy families so that they are empowered to support, care and advocate for one another in a way that is respectful of Squamish values.”



Do you have concerns about your child's development?

Would you like to know more about how your child is progressing?

Do you want to know how you can help your child?



Squamish Nation:
Ayas Men Men Child and Family Services

Infant Development Program

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Squamish Nation: Ayas Men Men Child and Family Services is a department of the Squamish Nation Indian Band.

Family Program House Team Infant Development Program Ages: Birth - 3 years



*“Peace to our children by strengthening our families:
Ayas Men Men iyímen ta
s7ekw’í7telchet”*



Your Baby's Development

Birth to 3 years of age is the most important time in a baby's growth and development.

- Begin to bond with others
- Learn how to communicate
- learn how to explore their world

Some babies need extra support during their early years.

The Aboriginal Infant Development Consultants work with families in respectful ways to support families and their infants through their early developmental stages.

Every Child is a unique gift from the creator. Aboriginal Infant Development Program's Mission is to honor this gift by supporting the development of Aboriginal children within the context of the family, community and culturally appropriate early intervention programs.

Did you know?

A baby's brain is developed approximately 85% by the age of three and is dependant on the experiences they receive (Dr. Bruce Perry, Child Trauma Academy)

Early experiences and bonding relationships received provides the foundation for a healthy development.

(www.aidp.bc.ca)

What does the Infant Development Program Facilitator do?

- Ensure infants receive support on or off reserve.
- Attend home visits as requested.
- Provide support to parents or caregivers for infants.
- Support by providing tools to parents or caregivers. eg: play groups, parent education opportunities, parent support groups, or parent to parent connections



Aboriginal Infant Development Programs

- Culturally sensitive
- Offer support for aboriginal families and infants who are at risk of or have a developmental delay
- are voluntary, family centered, and for children birth to 3 years (or birth to 5 years of age)
- Support families by providing home visit, activity planning, developmental groups or programs.
- Recognizes the role of Elders and extended family in parenting
- May offer a lending library that includes books/videos, journals, toys and adaptive equipment.
- Provides referrals to other health services as needed
- Are specific for each community