



Ayas Men Men Child & Family Services



ABORIGINAL INFANT DEVELOPMENT

Birth to 3 Years

Some babies & parents need extra support during their early years. The Aboriginal Infant Development Program works with families in respectful ways to support families and their infants through their early developmental stages. The Program's Mission is to support the development of children within the context of the family, community and culturally appropriate early intervention programs.

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

- Support to strengthen attachments/bonds
- Learn how to communicate and understand babies communications cues
- Developmental stages
- How babies learn through play



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. E.g.: play groups, parent education opportunities, parent support groups, or parent to parent connections



Aboriginal Infant Development Programs

- Culturally sensitive
- Offer support for 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)
- Recognizes the role of Elders and extended family in parenting
- Provides referrals to other health services as needed

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