

## **Your Baby's Development**

From conception to five years of age is the most important time in a baby's growth and development.

In early development children will:

- Begin to bond with others
- Learn how to communicate
- Learn how to explore their world
- Sometimes babies need extra support during their early years.

Early Child Development Workers work in respectful ways to support families and their children through early developmental stages.

### **Our Guiding Principles**

**Inclusion** – all children are supported to fully participate in neighborhood child care programs.

**Family Centered** – this means that you, the parent, choose what kind of support you want.

**Individual Planning** – each child's unique strengths and needs are recognized and supported.

**Child Development** – children with developmental needs have access to early intervention and developmentally appropriate supports.

**Community Based** – programs reflect local needs and priorities.

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**RESPECT FOR  
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## **AECD Outreach**

### **What is Aboriginal Early Childhood Development (ECD)?**

It is an initiative that supports Aboriginal communities in the delivery of culturally appropriate early childhood development services, both on and off-reserve. ECD is designed to specifically meet the needs of children with special needs. ECD recognizes that inclusion and providing intervention and support to families and children during the early stages of development is important.

### **Who are the Families?**

Aboriginal Families can include birth, extended, adopted, and foster families. Aboriginal families can be living on or off-reserve.



### **Support takes place in...**

- ◆ Preschool/daycare/school settings for children ages 0-6 years
- ◆ in a child's home where they are residing
- ◆ in the hospital
- ◆ and/or with MCFD
- ◆ at Denisiqi Services Society



**“IT TAKES A WHOLE  
COMMUNITY TO  
RAISE A CHILD”**

### **Services available to families include:**

- Assistance finding childcare
- Support and consultation to childcare setting
- Individual planning
- Support for families and childcare providers
- Assistance accessing other community resources
- Doing development screening and assessments at the request of the family



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