Walking the Talk of Supported Child Development in BC

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SCDP Program Purpose

- To support children who require extra supports to fully participate in community child care settings:
  - Supporting child development
  - Addressing child care needs of working/student parents

Roadblocks to Change

Roadblocks	Strategy
Clinging to status quo	Increase urgency – people realize change is necessary
Lack or weak guiding coalition	Build the guiding team
Inefficient and insufficient communication	Relate change to the needs of clients – how can we improve services
Failing to create short term wins	Create early wins – build momentum
Fatigue or declaring victory too soon	Change is incremental – be patient – new behaviour starts to win people over and creates change

Principles of Supported Child Care

- Inclusion

- Family-centred

- Community-based

- Shared responsibility

- Individual planning

Initiatives from 1995 -1999

- Community consultation, planning, resources

- Supplemental training for child care providers in the area of special needs

- Partnerships Programs with related therapists and other early interventionists

- Framework of Professional Practice

- Providing tools to assist in determining support needs

Principles of Supported Child Development

- Inclusion
- Family-centred
- Community-based
- Shared responsibility
- Individual planning
- Child Development
- Evidence-based
- Reflective of and responsive to diversity
- Relationship with Aboriginal Community

Initiatives from 2003 - 2008

- **Creation of a provincial framework**
  - Office of the Provincial Advisor and 5 Regional Advisors
  - Provincial Steering Committee
  - Provincial Policy and Procedures Manual
  - Program Resources
  - Data collection
- **Training for SCD Consultants**
  - Annual Provincial and Regional In-Services
  - UBC certificate/diploma
- **Aboriginal SCD**
  - Recognition of self-determination
  - Support for new initiatives, projects
  - Training in history and cultural awareness

Aboriginal Supported Child Development

- Tsawwassen Accord

- Partnerships and Mentorship agreements

- Recruiting Aboriginal staff

- Aboriginal SCD Symposiums

- Aboriginal SCD resources

- Aboriginal SCD Guidelines

Current Initiatives

- **Provincial Policy and Procedure Manual**
  - ASCD Guidelines

- **Support Guide Revision**

- **Regional & Provincial Training**
  - Partnership Training Modules
  - Professional Development Fund

- **Provincial Coordination of Aboriginal SCD**

- **Improved services for Youth 13-19**