

Reflections on Working with Diverse Families Who Have Children Who Have Developmental Disabilities

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Geographical Features

Primarily resource industries: forestry, mining, tourism

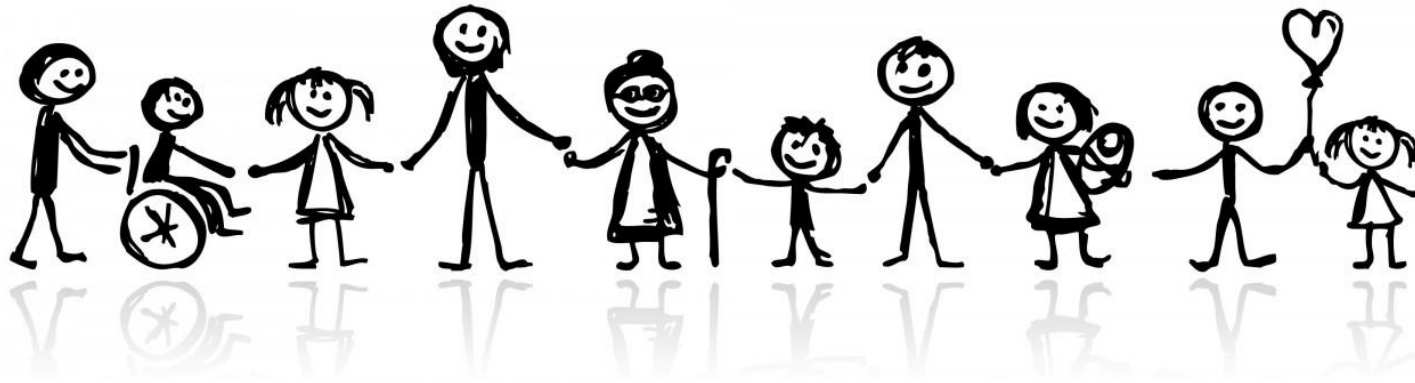
Multicultural populations: many Indigenous Communities

Rivers, lakes, mountains, forests

Remote, isolated communities

Transportation limitations





Services to Families

Early Childhood intervention – outreach to child care facilities

Child and youth services to children who have intellectual disabilities

Child and youth services to children who have autism spectrum disorder

Behaviour consultation to children and adults who have intellectual and developmental disabilities

Services to at risk families

At risk youth–in-transition services

Barriers to Service Delivery

- Social Isolation
 - Geography
 - Climate
 - Stigma
 - Often transient
 - Economic Stability
 - Food security
- Lack of Professional Resources
- Misunderstandings around belief systems



Barriers to Service Delivery



- Transportation Barriers
- Weather Challenges
 - Snowstorms
 - Floods
 - Wildfires
- Funding

Key Partnerships

- Education
- Health Services
- Collateral Service providers/contractors
- Therapists
- Funders
 - i.e. government



Core Values

- Inclusion
- Outreach – go to families' home communities
- Shared decision making – Team



Core Values

- Family Centered
- Individualized Services
- Cross-cultural Services
 - Sensitivity
 - Confidentiality
 - Respect
 - Non-judgmental





- Support services begin with family
- Parents/guardians know their children best
- Follow core service delivery values
- We honour families by working with them as equal partners

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