

Frequently Asked Questions

We do not live in Vancouver, Burnaby, Richmond, North Vancouver, or West Vancouver, where can my child access the services that you offer at EIP?

- **Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, New Westminister, Anmore, and Belcarra:**
 - SHARE Family & Community Services Society www.sharesociety.ca
- **Surrey, Delta, White Rock and Langley:**
 - The Centre for Child Development www.the-centre.org
- **Fraser Valley Area:**
 - Fraser Valley Child Development Centre www.fvcdc.org

Do you provide intensive therapy services?

- We do not provide regular intensive therapies. Services are delivered using a coaching method. The coaching method recognizes that the family is the child's best teacher. Together the staff member and parent/caregiver will develop goals, try out strategies and create a plan. These strategies will be practiced throughout the day by the parent/caregiver and child within their daily routine. In subsequent appointments, the parent and staff member will discuss progress, what worked and what did not, and decide next steps.

Will the Early Intervention Program (EIP) provide an Autism assessment for my child?

- The EIP does not conduct Autism assessments. Please see the [Autism page](#) of the BC Government website for information on how to access an Autism assessment for your child

Can the EIP provide support for my child's mental health?

- EIP services do not include mental health treatment services for children but if your child requires this kind of support please see the [Ministry of Child and Family Child and Youth Mental Health website](#).

Can my child access therapy services from the Early Intervention Program if they are already receiving therapy services using funding from the Autism Funding Unit?

- If your child has a therapist that is funded through the Autism funding Unit, we do not provide concurrent therapy services from a therapist of the same discipline. For example, if you are accessing an Occupational Therapist with funding from the Autism Funding Unit, we do not provide Occupational Therapy services at the same time. You may access other therapy services from other disciplines that you are not already accessing with funding from the Autism Funding Unit.

My child does not require Occupational Therapy or Physiotherapy services, can my child see one of the EIP speech therapists?

- Our program provides Speech Therapy services for children who require either an Occupational Therapist or a Physiotherapist or both, if your child does not require these services please refer your child to [Fraser Health](#) or [Vancouver Coastal Health speech therapy services](#).

Can the EIP provide behavioral intervention services for my child?

- EIP services do not include behavioral intervention, please see the [BC Government website](#) for information on where to find these services.

My child is school aged (Kindergarten and above). Can they receive one of the EIP services?

- The Early Intervention program does not provide services for children that are school aged. If you feel your child would benefit from Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy or Speech Therapy speak with your child's teacher and their school-based team.