

Community-Based Child Development Services Communications Toolkit

Myth vs Fact

Short, shareable clarifications to address common questions and misunderstandings

For website use and shareable handout

Community-Based Services – What to Know

With recent changes to how child development services are delivered across British Columbia, there has been increased discussion and a range of information shared.

The following are common questions and clarifications to help families better understand community-based services.

What people may be hearing:

“Community-based services won’t meet my child’s needs.”

What to know:

Community-based child development services are delivered by experienced, multidisciplinary teams across British Columbia. Providers work with families to understand their needs and adapt services or connect them to the right supports.

What people may be hearing:

“Services are only provided in centres.”

What to know:

Services are flexible and delivered in a range of locations, including homes, schools, community settings, and virtually where appropriate.

What people may be hearing:

“There aren’t enough professionals to support families.”

What to know:

Organizations are expanding staffing and using team-based approaches to extend services and support more children and families.

What people may be hearing:

“My child’s needs are too specific or complex.”

What to know:

Providers support a wide range of needs and work collaboratively to adapt services and connect families to specialized supports where needed.

What people may be hearing:

“Families will be left to figure this out on their own.”

What to know:

Helping families navigate services is a core part of community-based care. Providers work with families to coordinate and connect supports.

What people may be hearing:

“Services won’t be available in my community.”

What to know:

Services are available across B.C., including rural and remote communities, and are delivered through flexible service models to improve access.