



As an Infant Development Consultant (IDC) I enjoy working with families in supporting their children and assisting them to become strong advocates.

As a Program Supervisor myself and another IDC work with an Early Intervention team which is made up of three speech therapists, one physiotherapist, one occupational therapist and a family resource worker. My main caseload is infants, birth to three years old, who have developmental delay or a risk for delay. These children maybe premature infants, drug and/or alcohol exposed, diagnosed with behavioural issues and any other form of developmental delay. Our role is to do developmental assessments and programming as well as coordinating other services through referrals and information.

We may see up to four families a day in their home, the clinic or community centre. This may involve the other therapists if they are involved with the same family or consulting with other community professionals. We are also involved in the community providing education about child development, running a small play group out of the clinic as well as an infant massage group.

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