

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 28, 2020

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To: Contracted Agencies Providing Supported Child Development and/or Aboriginal Supported Child Development

Re: Supported Child Development and Aboriginal Supported Child Development – COVID-19 Interim Policy

I am writing to agencies contracted by the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) to provide Supported Child Development (SCD) and/or Aboriginal Supported Child Development (ASCD) to provide an update to interim SCD/ASCD policies in response to the current COVID-19 situation.

The following four interim policies have been changed:

1. SCD and ASCD programs will no longer be required to prioritize service for children of [essential service](#) providers effective August 31, 2020.
2. School-age children of [essential service](#) providers who are receiving in-own-home care will no longer be eligible for SCD staffing supports during school hours as of September 10, 2020.
3. Effective immediately, SCD and ASCD Support Workers will no longer be restricted from working in more than one child care centre.
4. The following policies will take effect as of August 31, 2020:
 - SCD and ASCD are expected to implement up to a 6-month grace period where they can support families already on caseloads who have lost their employment or education status.
 - This grace period is intended to facilitate access to inclusive child care while parents work to re-establish their employment or education.

WorkSafeBC requires the creation of a safety plan to guide employees in their interactions with clients. All SCD/ASCD staff are encouraged to discuss their COVID-19 safety plan with their employer, and/or the child care centre staff where they are working, or visit [COVID-19 Safety Plan](#) for further information.

The attached Q & A document provides more detail on these four interim policy changes.

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Attachment: Supported Child Development and Aboriginal Supported Child Development Interim Policy Changes in Response to COVID-19: Q & As (updated August 2020)