



Talk Outline

- What is the Fostering Early Development Program
- What are the issues affecting children's social/emotional health from our perspective

What is the Fostering Early Development Program

- Developmental screening and support
- Children in foster care
- Birth to six
- Vancouver Coastal Region
- Training for foster parents and social workers

Why screen children in foster care

- Research in the US and Canada on incidence of special needs
- What we now know about trauma and brain development
- Evidence of the importance of the early years for development .

What does screening involve

- Ages and Stages Questionnaire-3
- Ages and Stages Social-Emotional Questionnaire
- Investigation regarding :-
- Hearing
- Vision
- Dental care
- Immunization
- Primary Health Care Provider

It also involves

- Reports sent to involved professionals
- Recommendations and referrals to other services
- Support to the foster parent
- Follow up and monitoring where necessary

What are the issues affecting children's social/emotional health

- Research results from the first year of the Program
- Observations from the frontline

Research results from the first year of the Program

- In collaboration with UBC and HELP
- Focus to establish baseline information to direct future planning.



Objectives of Research

- To describe the developmental services being received by children being admitted to FED
- To describe the health screening and immunization status of the children
- To describe the results of the developmental screening the children received
- To assess the added value of the FED program in supporting the healthy development of children in care.

Profile of Children

- Total number of children admitted to FED in the first year was 190
- 85% on Continuing Care Orders
- 15% new admissions to care

Percentages of children receiving intervention services prior to FED

- 79% had received IDP or AIDP services

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