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"Helping families build a network of support."



the early years are important!

The Métis Early Years Program is a program developed by Métis Nation British Columbia for Métis families with children birth to 8 years. The goal of the Métis Early Years Program is to connect Métis families to their community and culture and link them to early years programs and services in their community.



Métis Early Years Navigators

Navigators are located throughout the province and are reaching out to families with children birth to 8 and enrolling them in the Métis Early Years Program.

When families are enrolled in the program, the Navigators will:

- Link them to early years programs and services in their area
- Connect them to the Métis community and provide them with Métis cultural resources
- Support parents to determine what their children's strengths are and understand their development and progress in the early years
- Advocate for families to access programs and services that are culturally safe

It is becoming more understood, not only through research, but by families, that the early years are important! What happens during the early years of a child's life is critical to brain development and all other growth; which lays the foundation for the rest of a child's life long learning and success.

During this crucial time, it is essential that families have the support they need when they need it, in order to thrive, grow and succeed. Traditionally Métis families lived

in close knit communities where everyone played a role raising the children. Today, we understand that community and life looks much different for families. It is important that all Métis children and their parents have access to family and community supports, as well as quality early years programs that are inclusive of Métis culture, language, beliefs and values. This will help our Métis children to grow up with a strong sense of self and cultural pride.



Network of Support for Families

The Métis Early Years Program is focused on helping families build a network of support that provides your child with great opportunities for healthy learning and development. The Métis Early Years Navigators can help families to know where to go, who to connect with and what programs are available in your community.