What is the Child-Centred Model?

It is community wisdom
The model was developed through a deep dive into the vast knowledge base of local residents – a community that best knows how to define success for their children and what they need to achieve it.

It is guidance
The model provides specific guidance on how we can all support a child’s healthy development in this community. Anyone whose work affects their community should seek to understand and respect this wisdom.

It is reconciliation
Working by the values in this model prioritizes developing meaningful relationships and acknowledges the community as the experts in their lives. This way of working is the foundation of the calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

It is wholistic
The foundation of the model is interconnectedness, in the sense that you cannot change one aspect of a child’s life without also affecting all the other parts of their life.

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Using the Child-Centred Model

Recommendations for Service Providers

- **Connect with Community Residents**: People who live in the neighbourhood should be a part of helping their community grow and develop, especially in ways that are child-centred.

- **Build Skills in Different Cultures**: Community helpers must be educated and trained in order to work well with lots of different cultural groups.

- **Build Respectful Relationships**: There must be a balance of power between service providers and those seeking help. Relationships must remain fair and respectful for all.

- **Centre Around Children**: Services and programs need to honour all parts of who a child is: history, culture, family, community, strengths, and their right to the fullness of life.

- **Everyone Plays a Part in Child Development**: Child development is an event that involves the entire community and requires help from all voices and lots of different groups.

- **Honour Community Wisdom**: The community has its own answers. Service Providers can only be helpers in the work of building strong communities.

- **Work from the Strength of Parents**: Parents must be involved in the growth and learning of their children, so keeping families together is extremely important. Supports for parents must be based in sacredness, healing, strength, and hope.

- **Child Honours Community Wisdom**: The community has its own answers. Service Providers can only be helpers in the work of building strong communities.