

Early Programs

Similar to the Infant Development Program, there were many support programs for families who frequented NONA. The staff took advantage of the freedom of their role to pursue opportunities that would benefit children and families.

Laurie Russell was in charge of setting up a lending library for parents and children to access toys and resources for children with additional needs. As the opportunity came for organizations to purchase special equipment through grants, the lending library morphed into a resource for educational opportunities.

Shirley McGee describes one of the beneficial programs that she started. She contacted a professor at UBC to ensure a high quality program.



"I did a parenting program with a professor from UBC. We did a close circuit TV program. So I had a video guy in the preschool videotaping a child and we did one single child and I would sit with all the parents in the staff room and we would watch the child and stop the video and discuss it. It was a really effective program."

-Shirley McGee

The SCD program has been offered at NONA for 23 years. Currently, there are four consultants who work diligently to provide support to children and families.



Autism Services Program

2001-Present