

# KIN-DIR EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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## Who are we?

The Kin-Dir Education Foundation is a not-for-profit, Alberta Education approved, Early Childhood Services operator in the Calgary area. We are a team of dedicated professionals who provide individualized services for children 2 years, 8 months to kindergarten entry. We enjoy working closely with our partner programs and families to enhance opportunities for optimal growth, development and learning.

## What is our Goal?

Our goal when working with children is to support their total development based on their individual needs. We strive toward preparing the child to be successful in multiple environments; in the home, child care setting, school, and community. School readiness and social/emotional maturity are two focus areas within our program.

### Step 1: Screening

Screening answers the question: *Does a child need an in-depth assessment?*

#### Screening can...

- ❖ Identify children who are demonstrating age appropriate skills
- ❖ Identify who would benefit from practice or support in specific areas
- ❖ Identify children at risk for developmental delays who are referred for assessment

A screen is **NOT** a formal assessment

## What is the Process?

### Step 2: Assessment

Assessment answers the question: *Does a child demonstrate age appropriate skills?*

#### Assessments...

- ❖ Identify the level of need in a specific area (speech & language, fine motor, gross motor)
- ❖ Determine if there is a delay
- ❖ Are administered by therapists (Speech Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist)

## What's next?

Whether you have concerns for your child (following directions, using clear sentences, behavioural concerns holding food utensils and art/writing tools, jumping, tripping, falling, etc.) or not, your child is more than welcome to participate.

