The Unique Child

Development in early childhood is supported by opportunities to explore and discover people and surroundings. However, some children's development may be at risk, due to individual needs and requirements.





Early identification of needs can help young children get additional, individual support, to enable them to progress on their developmental journey.

Early support for children includes listening to families in a sensitive way, and clearly exchanging information.





Children who are disabled and those with special educational needs may need the support of specialist services.

Coordinated, cross-agency support may be needed for children with the most severe and complex additional needs, to promote development as effectively as possible.





Recognising when and how to enlist the support of specialists is an important element of ensuring inclusive practice, and in supporting development in early childhood.

Evaluating and updating your own knowledge about different cultural groups is important in adopting an inclusive and tolerant approach.





Ensure that the diversity of individuals and communities are valued and respected, to safeguard against discrimination.