

MAKE Children First

Newsletter

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Working Groups

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Early Identification Committee

Childcare Action Team

MCF serves as an advisor to the Kamloops Early Learning and Language Initiative (KELLI)

A Year in Review:

Hi everyone, what a productive year! We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of our committee members for their contribution towards making our community a great place to grow up. We are a community driven initiative and our members' dedication, time and efforts make our work possible. Thank you everyone. We look forward to continuing with our work on behalf of young children and their families in 2010 in new and innovative ways. ...

2009 Highlights:

Mapping Report
New Bus and Bus Shelter Ads
Health Fairs and Community Carnivals
Gabor Mate
2010 Calendar
Boogie the Bridge
International Children's Day Celebration
Raise a Reader
BMO Gallery Wall

2010 Plans:

New Website Launch
Family Friendly Toolkit Launch
Business Engagement Breakfast II
EDI Strategic Planning
Children's Charter
State of the Child Report
And much more...


Children's Charter

Make Children First is interested in following in the footsteps of several communities in Canada who have produced and approved a Children's Charter. Through this collaborative process it is our goal to enhance our community's consciousness about what it takes to make Kamloops a great place to raise children.

What will it take to ensure that all children are given the opportunity to thrive?


Friday Family Fun with Literacy
Celebrating International Children's Day
November 20, 2009
Northhills Mall
4:00—8:00pm

Featuring children's author and poet
Tiffany Stone



FREE!!
For all babies, preschoolers and the whole family. Each family gets to take home a free book!

Other Amazing Entertainment Includes:
Singer Roxanne Hall
Lee's Little Rockers
Drumming Circle
Children's Acting Group
Face Painting
Crafts & Snacks

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Our other valued partners include: School District #71, Northhills Mall, Interior Health Branch and Community, Y Child Care Resource and Referral, TSD Early Childhood Education Program, Extra Events, Thompson No. 66 Regional Library.

Did you attend our International Children's day Event on November 20th at Northhills Mall??

It was a tremendous success with over 250 children and families in attendance!

EDI Action Plan

We now have 3 cohorts of data (2003/2006/2009) with respect to the Early Development Instrument done with all kindergarten children attending public schools in our district. It is our goal in 2010 to develop some strategies to take this information and transform it to action, addressing our children's greatest areas of need.

To see the EDI maps go to:

http://www.earlylearning.ubc.ca/EDI/mapping_maps.html



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Public Awareness Committee

Make Children First was able to showcase local children's artwork at the BMO Open Gallery from October 31– December 12 in honour of International Children's Day.

Keep your eyes peeled for more community oriented projects to promote early childhood in Kamloops.



Business Engagement Breakfast

Early 2010—date coming soon!

In partnership with Success by 6, Make Children First has helped to develop a toolkit to engage the business community in investing in families. We are partnering to bring economist Paul Kershaw of HELP (Human Early Learning Partnership) to Kamloops to engage the business community and launch the toolkit.

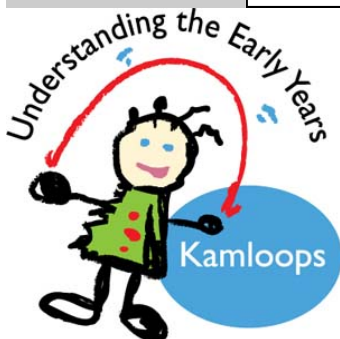
Childcare Action Team

The CAT hosted their first evening workshop in November 2009 with 40 childcare providers attending.

An all day workshop is being planned for March 5th, 2010—this event will provide networking and education opportunities for childcare providers.

Early Identification Committee

The Social Emotional Learning Stories Book is complete and will be available in early 2010! The EI committee will be looking to expand the use of the ASQ's to Strong Start programs and to develop better systems for staff to support parents and children in the early childhood system. It is another goal to increase opportunities for training and further education for early childhood service providers in the coming year.



Make Children First has worked hard to make our website more user-friendly and easier for the community to get the information they are looking for. The new site is finished!

Look for our launch in 2010...

Check it out @

www.makechildrenfirst.ca

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