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Kamloops/Thompson Community Mapping Study

Over the last 2 years, Research and Mapping Consultants – Jennifer Casorso and Dave Whiting, have examined the Kamloops/Thompson community demographics and resources. The generous contributions of community members and organizations have made the Community Mapping Study of the Kamloops/Thompson region possible. In particular, Interior Community Services acted as the host agency for the Community Mapping Study. It is with pleasure that we have now completed our community mapping study.

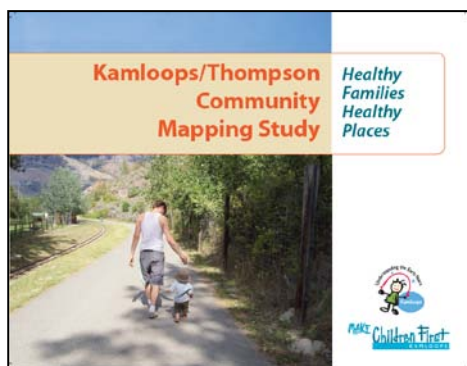
In cooperation with Statistics Canada and Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, the Community Mapping Study has captured a highly detailed glimpse of Kamloops/Thompson. This glimpse will undoubtedly serve as a foundation from which the best services and resources can thrive.

Education and income levels paint an optimistic picture and population levels are on the rise. This type of positive growth, while encouraging, is sometimes accompanied by the need for social adjustment.

Availability and scope of resources help transition and support healthy communities. Barriers such as language, culture, transportation and isolation (whether geographical or social) may play an increasing role in the needs of a developing region.

All data in the report reflects a snapshot in time, including the mapping component. As with community programs and services, mapped demographics also evolve and change. Our findings are based on research conducted

research brief



Community Mapping Study Front Cover

While many programs and services are underway in the region, there is still an opportunity to increase locations where they are offered. Using the information in the Community Mapping Study to create more effective and location-appropriate outreach will cast a wider net of support. Mobile programs, outreach clinics and on-demand service are examples of options that can only strengthen existing regional resources.

Making reactive decisions are necessary where change is fast paced. Fortunately, the Community Mapping Study helps to predict future needs and the opportunity to be pro-active as well.

The Community Mapping Study is available through Make Children First in both hard copy and pdf on the web at <http://www.makechildrenfirst.ca/cms/>. For additional information on the UEY initiative please contact Val Janz @ 250-554-3134.

