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## **UNITED WAY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA (UWNBC) – COMMUNITY IMPACT IN MACKENZIE**

As part of UWNBC community development work, community issues were identified through research and consultation for UWNBC's 3 pillars: **Successful Kids/Empowered Families, Involved Seniors** and **Healthy Citizens and Safe, Supportive Communities**.

The Mackenzie issues identified can be summarized as:

<b>Successful Kids/Empowered Families</b>	<b>Involved Seniors</b>	<b>Healthy Citizens and Safe, Supportive Communities</b>
Support for mental health services to address issues surrounding stress, counseling, absent parent behavioral issues, youth and teen stress	Support for seniors' activities and formation of a seniors' activity centre	A host of mental health support and outreach services to cope with the dynamic of economic uncertainty
Support for functional lone parent families created through economic uncertainty		Support for enhancing program accessibility and community awareness of programs
For more information please visit: <a href="http://www.unitedwaynbc.ca/Documents/Success_By_6_2010_2011.pdf">www.unitedwaynbc.ca/Documents/Success_By_6_2010_2011.pdf</a>		

Listed below are current community development, organizational capacity enhancements and community investments that begin to address the community issues identified above. With your support UWNBC will continue to assess needs and invest for change.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- **Community Impact and Investment Committee (CIIC):** As part of the ongoing work to strengthen the impact UWNBC investments have in the north central region, a Community Impact and Investment Committee (CIIC) is forming for Mackenzie.

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## COMMUNITY IMPACT INVESTMENTS NORTHERN BC CITIZENS RECEIVED SERVICE THROUGH THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS

PROGRAM NAME	ORGANIZATION	MACKENZIE	NORTHERN REGION
PEER PROGRAMMING	<b>BC Paraplegic Association</b> 1-800-689-2477		121 persons
INFORMATION SERVICES			395 persons
REHABILITATION SERVICES	<b>cnib</b> 250-563-1702	10 persons	863 persons
CRISIS PREVENTION, INTERVENTION & INFORMATION	<b>Crisis Centre for Northern BC</b> 250-564-5736	4 persons	6831 persons
ADVOCACY PROGRAMS	<b>Active Support Against Poverty</b> 250-563-6112	4 persons	1104 persons
CHILDREN WHO WITNESS ABUSE	<b>Amata Transition House Society</b> 250-992-7321	1 person	18 staff were provided training

### Program & Service Impact Investments - July 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2012

- **BC Paraplegic Association** - The mission of the BC Paraplegic Association is to help people with spinal cord injuries and other physical disabilities achieve independence, self-reliance and full community participation. For further information call 1-800-689-2477 or visit [www.bcpara.org](http://www.bcpara.org).

The BCPA **Peer Program** hosts social groups, special events and educational sessions that give people with spinal cord injuries, their family members and their friends the opportunity to connect with others in similar situations, to try new activities that they may not have thought possible because of their injury and to continue learning about living with an injury.

**Information Services**, comprised of a Provincial InfoLine (1-800-689-2477), a dynamic website ([www.bcpara.org](http://www.bcpara.org)) and a comprehensive SCI Information Database, people can access vital information on issues related to living with a spinal cord injury, such as accessible housing, government benefits, employment opportunities and recreation options.

- **cnib** - Provides community-based support, knowledge and a national voice to ensure blind and partially sighted Canadians have the confidence, skills and opportunities to fully participate in life. For further information call (250) 563-1702 or visit [www.cnib.ca](http://www.cnib.ca).

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**Rehabilitation Services** include: Orientation and Mobility, Independent Living Skills, Career and Employment and Low Vision Services. People who are coping with vision loss receive peer support from trained volunteers and referrals as needed to health professionals, information on concessions such as the CNIB ID card, training from our service staff to help them remain independent or maintain employment and access to the free CNIB library service.

- **Crisis Prevention, Intervention & Information Centre for Northern BC** – Operates a Crisis line, youth support line and online youth chat room and provides community education workshops and information on community resources. They provide crisis intervention, suicide prevention, resource information, education and confidential peer support for the people of Northern BC. For further information call (250) 564-5736 or visit [www.northernbccrisissuicide.ca](http://www.northernbccrisissuicide.ca)
- **Active Support Against Poverty** - A self-help, volunteer based agency which acts as guides for the empowerment, education, and self-determination of the financially poor. For further information call (250) 563-6112.

Services provided are wide ranging and can be divided into two separate streams: General and Legal. General services reflect clients accessing phone, fax, message, income tax, clothing etc.; Legal services reflect clients accessing legal services that include: information and referral, summary advice and full representation.

- **Amata Transition House Society** – The Amata Transition House is a non-profit feminist based society dedicated to ending all forms of violence against women and children. For more information call (250) 992-7321 or visit [www.amata.ca](http://www.amata.ca)

Amata is hosting a training session for Northern BC staff of transition homes in support of **Children Who Witness Abuse** (CWWA) programs. CWWA is an intervention and prevention based program that addresses the needs of children and youth between the ages of 3 and 18 who have been exposed to abuse.

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