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UNITED WAY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA (UWNBC) – COMMUNITY IMPACT IN QUESNEL

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 Quesnel issues identified can be summarized as:

Successful Kids/Empowered Families	Involved Seniors	Healthy Citizens and Safe, Supportive Communities
More programs needed to support the transition of youth into adulthood	More supports to assist seniors to remain in their homes longer (i.e., handyman, house cleaning, snow clearing)	More timely access to mental health supports is needed
More support and outreach programs to First Nations communities		Need more lifeskills programs
More affordable day care options are needed		Need a detox facility that is complimented with long-term outpatient support programs
For more information please visit: www.unitedwaynbc.ca/Documents/Success_By_6_2010_2011.pdf		Need more anger management / healthy relationship programs for men

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 across northern BC, a Community Impact and Investment Committee (CIIC) is formed in Quesnel. Made up of community leaders, donors and citizens - the results of their community engagement can be seen in the community impact investment listed below.

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- Transit Assistance Program** – The City of Quesnel is piloting a Transit Assistance Program for this year. Starting in October 2011, UWNBC will assist the City to make available approximately 150 single use tickets a month for emergency/critical service use by clients of Quesnel community service providers. Emergency use means a one-time referral and may include activities such as medical and counseling appointments, employment searches, accessing food, clothing, transition or safe housing.

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

PROGRAM NAME	ORGANIZATION	QUESNEL	NORTHERN REGION
PEER PROGRAMMING	BC Paraplegic Association 1-800-689-2477	13 persons	121 persons
INFORMATION SERVICES		9 persons	395 persons
REHABILITATION SERVICES	cnib 250-563-1702	84 persons	863 persons
CRISIS PREVENTION, INTERVENTION & INFORMATION	Crisis Centre for Northern BC 250-564-5736	124 persons	6831 persons
ADVOCACY PROGRAMS	Active Support Against Poverty 250-563-6112	3 persons	1104 persons
CHILDREN WHO WITNESS ABUSE	Amata Transition House Society 250-992-7321	3 persons	18 staff were provided training
CIRCLE OF TRUTH PROGRAM & SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE	Surpassing Our Survival (S.O.S) 250-564-8302	2 persons	2952 client contacts
DROP IN SUPPORT AND EDUCATION PROGRAM	Quesnel Women's Resource Society 250-842-9972	2000 contacts	
CLOTHING CLOSET FREE STORE	Kewetin'ohk Métis Association / North Cariboo Métis Society	Over 6000 persons	
COMMUNITY KITCHEN	250-992-9722	15 persons weekly	

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Program & Service Impact Investments - July 1st 2011 to June 30th 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.

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) 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.

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
- **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.

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- **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

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.

- **Surpassing Our Survival (S.O.S) Society** - Promotes awareness and support for sexually abused victims and their families. For further information call (250) 564-8302.

The **Circle of Truth Program** provides counseling services and educational awareness programs to men and male serving organizations; these services are also offered to teens, addressing issues such as recent sexual assaults, prevention and education.

- **Quesnel Women's Resource Society** - Committed to providing information, resources, support and counseling for women to assist them with life choices. For further information call (250) 992-8472 or visit www.qwrc.ca

The **Drop-In Support and Education Program** allows women and children to receive needed services provided at the Centre (i.e. internet, email, word processing etc.) as well as in the community related to mental and physical well-being.

- **Kewetin'ohk Métis Association / North Cariboo Métis Society** – Fosters the lives of Métis/Aboriginal people and aids and assists them to improve the quality of life and standard of living. For more information call 250-992-9722.

Operating the **Clothing Closet Free Store**- providing free clothing and household items biweekly to those in need and providing an opportunity for clients who used services of the Free Store to give back to the community through volunteering. The **Community Kitchen** will provide an opportunity for youth & Elders to build long-term relationships by incorporating recipes and lost traditions into today's society.

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