

North West

Success by 6® Initiatives in Northern BC (2008-09)

(Terrace, Kitimat, Smithers, Hazelton, Stikine, and Houston)

Community Programs	Program Description
Stewart Public Library	Mother Goose is coming to Stewart: An 8 session Mother Goose and summer arts program for young children and families to develop early literacy skills and community partnerships led to participation in the local Canada Day Parade and the development of partnerships to support integrating ECD service planning and delivery.
Stewart Public Library	Stewart Early Learning Links: A partnership between the library, School District No. 82 and the municipality to provide part-time ECD coordination, a Mother Goose program and development of ECD resources including a quarterly ECD calendar for families throughout the school year and summer.
Bulkley Valley Child Development Centre	Upper Skeena Early Childhood Building Links Project: Part time ECD coordination, public awareness and resource development for families in the fourteen communities in the Upper Skeena region, working with the Gitksan Aboriginal ECD Resources Coordinator.
Terrace Women's Resource Centre Society	LEAP/Mother Goose Training: Provision of a free three day workshop for regional ECD service providers and coordinators in the SB6NW region (Kitamaat-Houston-Atlin and between).
Houston Link to Learning	Early Childhood Next Steps Phases 2 and 3: Ongoing part time ECD coordination, coordination of public awareness and training events, ongoing publication and production of a quarterly ECD calendar, an annual magazine and Developmental Wheel (made available to ECD Coordinators across the north region at cost). Houston Link to Learning serves Aboriginal families.
Aboriginal Programs	Program Description
Tlingit Family Learning Centre (Atlin)	Summer Festival family events and community Story Telling Days have evolved into a weekly story time for under 6s in partnership with the library. The project also funded a puppetry workshop for service providers and families.
Kitamaat Band Council	Caring For Our Future Project: Provision of a weekly playgroup and welcome baby kits to link families with children under three to the Headstart and other community programs and services and create a central access point for access to community information, education and programming for early years activities.
Kitimat Child Development Centre	Partnership Planning Project: Working with Kitamaat Village and community agencies to revisit the Kitimat ECD plan and service needs.
Gitksan Health Society	Aboriginal Early Childhood Resource Coordination: Part time coordination and development of early years resources to promote greater awareness of the importance of the early years in Gitksan communities and understanding of Gitksan histories, issues and culture within the context of early childhood development for the Upper Skeena Regional ECD Network.

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Kermode Friendship Society (Terrace)	Aboriginal Day Celebration Project: To provide culturally relevant ECD information and activities for young children at the Aboriginal Day Celebration in Terrace.
Northwest BC Metis Association (Terrace)	Looking to the Future-A Metis Community Project: To provide a Metis activity for young children at local Aboriginal Day celebrations and conduct a survey of service awareness, needs and gaps for Metis families.
Iskut Valley Health (Stikine)	Building Links & ECD Awareness: Part time ECD coordination and planning for Iskut, Dease Lake and Telegraph Creek, raising public awareness through community events and the development of an ECD Powerpoint for presentation to Tahltan Leadership.
Nass Valley – School District No. 92 (Nisga’a)	Stepping Stones to Literacy provides weekly adult-child literacy activities and book borrowing in the four Nass Valley communities in partnership with the Terrace Public Library and School District #92. The project also provides coordination support for the Nass Valley ECD Working Group.
Kitsumkalum Indian Band	Gila Kyew’nuulk Headstart History Book Project Stage 1: To design and ready for publication three archival stories for use in the Headstart and distribution to all Kitsumkalum families on and off reserve. The project raised funds to publish the first three books and is developing plans for development and publication of the remaining seven stories in the series.
Kitselas Band	Kitselas Cultural Exchange and Family Literacy Project involves the coordination of a series of reciprocal visits between the Headstart, a local preschool and community kindergarten as well as a series of family visits to the Terrace Public Library. The goal is to develop cross cultural bridging opportunities to support literacy and early engagement in community.