

Sandbox Development Group

The Sandbox Development Group is a group of non-profit agencies who are working with Success By 6 to collaborate on enhancing the highly desirable family resource programs they provided in seven neighborhoods from Lake Country south to Peachland.

This collaborative endeavor brings together the talent and expertise of local organizations that facilitate the highly regarded Aboriginal Head Start Program and Family Resource Programs recognized by the BC Association of Family Resource Programs in a complementary way where all children in Central Okanagan can benefit.

Each program through its existing structure is responsible for meeting certain requirements that date back to the origin of their program. These requirements are:

Aboriginal Head Start Program Components	BC Family Resource Programs Core Areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture and Language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Support
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play-based Learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & Well-being 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Learning and Literacy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Education and Learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information and Referrals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parental and Community Involvement 	

In examining the components and core areas above it is clear that both programs share common objectives that can create threads for collaboration among the Sandbox Development Group and that a project like the Sandbox Project can be beneficial to all while remaining true to their organization’s responsibilities that lie outside of this project. In fact, the talent and expertise among all the participants can only make their programs stronger when shared among them.

The real winners are children and their families who will benefit from the Sandbox Project. This project is an important step in building on our collaborative efforts to support and improve early childhood development initiatives for children 6 years of age or less and their families. While the Central Okanagan has had family support programs for a number of years there are unmet needs for service in neighborhoods who do not currently have a program site or where a site is available, but the program has exceeded the number of families it can accommodate.

Through proactive planning and implementation within this project the Sandbox Development Group is not only enhancing their programs, but creating opportunities to extend their collaboration and community capacity building. It is hoped that this project will assist the Sandbox Development Group in achieving their vision of “Creating Places to Play Together”.

Sandbox Development Group Collaborators:

