

## We all want children to be their best.

25% of Central Okanagan's six year olds are not developmentally ready to learn by the time they enter school. If we do nothing these children run the risk of falling behind at school, and becoming trapped in a downward spiral of lifelong struggles.

## Your support of Success By 6 is making children's lives better.

In April 2010, Success By 6 launched the Sandbox Project where we are collaborating with local government, businesses, public and private foundations, community leaders, and non-profit agencies to get at the root cause of the problems children face.

The Funding Really Early Development (FRED) Funders Table invested \$168,000 to enhance the much needed and desired family resource programs across all Central Okanagan communities, including the Aboriginal community.

Now one year later hundreds of children and their caregivers have experienced our community's "sandbox".

11,240 children ages six years or less live in Central Okanagan.

In the first **six** months of the Sandbox Project, 11.5% of them participated in a family resource program. That equals 1,292 children accompanied by more than 900 caregivers!

56.5% of those children were under three years of age.

The following story is how one family describes their experience at the program.



## A True Story from the Sandbox:

*I started going to the family resource program when my son was 18 months old, he was very shy around other kids and very attached to me. Since then we go twice a week and my son is now 3 years old, he is now outgoing and very much independent. My son loves going to "playgroup" where we can make a craft, play with various toys or play with his little buddies that he's made since we've started coming to the program. My son's favorite part is circle time where the instructor sings many different songs. He enjoys circle time so much that when we are at home he sings them to his little brother and his grandparents. I feel this free program has enriched our lives and I am so grateful that this program exists.*

*Submitted by: A Mother from Kelowna*

## When we help others, our community is stronger.

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