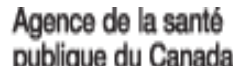


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## WELCOME TO THE SANDBOX PROJECT



### What is Success By 6?

Success By 6 is a United Way initiative that is going upstream to plan preventative health and development programs for children 6 years of age or less. The initiative focuses on getting at the root cause of why 25% of children in our community are not ready for school by the time they enter Kindergarten.

### What is the 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 provided in seven neighborhoods from Lake Country south to Peachland.

As of April 2010 there has been an increase in the number of days existing programs are running and in other places new programs are being created in neighborhoods where none existed previously.

The Sandbox Developers are Kelowna Child Care Society, Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs, The Bridge Youth & Family Services, and Westbank First Nation - Community Services.

This program enhancement known as the "Sandbox Project" is made possible with the financial support of FRED, the Funding Really Early Development table. FRED is a group of investors from local foundations, business and government who are jointly investing in high impact projects aimed at helping children get a good start in life.

### Who are the FRED Partners?

Central Okanagan Foundation, MacKay LLP, Okanagan Kids Care Fund, The Colin & Lois Pritchard Foundation, United Way of the Central & South Okanagan /Similkameen, BC Government - Ministry of Children & Family Development, and Success By 6.



## Westbank First Nation Early Years Family Program



The Early Years Family Program is a drop-in program open to community members in the West Kelowna area. Primarily serving Aboriginal families, but inclusive of others

who would like to participate, it offers two daytime sessions and one evening session per week, with more to be added in September. Currently families participate in structured early childhood development programs like Rhyme With Me. Unstructured parent drop-in support sessions are coming this Fall. All programs incorporate culture, language, nutrition, health promotion, parent/caregiver participation, education, and social support.

**Schedule:** *Rhyme With Me* –Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
*Family Nights* - Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Westbank First Nation Community Services, 1900 Quail Lane, Westbank

**Call 250-768-0227 for more information.**

[www.wfn.ca](http://www.wfn.ca)



## West Kelowna Family Resource Program

The Family Resource Program and Parent Talk is a positive parenting education and support group for families with children 6 years of age or less. This program provides weekly drop-in sessions at no-cost to families who live in the District of West Kelowna and neighboring communities.

The program's goal is to increase parenting capacity through awareness and access to community resources by providing opportunities for information sharing, referrals, and peer mentorship. The program is lead by a qualified Parent Support Facilitator with the help of a Program Assistant and community volunteers. Local guest speakers are regularly invited to present on topics of interest to young families.

**Schedule:** Mondays & Thursdays from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Westbank United Church, 3672 Brown Road, West Kelowna

**Call 250-763-0456 for more information.**

[www.thebridgeservices.ca](http://www.thebridgeservices.ca)



**All programs in this booklet are FREE to attend!**

## Webber Road Family Resource Program

This Family Resource Program is more than a place to meet and greet, it is a place to share stories, create friendships, and feel a strong sense of belonging. Promoting positive parenting and secure attachment this program focuses on each family's strengths. At the heart of the program is parent-child interaction. Activities focus on providing support to families with children 5 years of age or less through play based learning, implementing early learning knowledge and literature, providing parent information and learning opportunities, offering information and referrals, and offering flexibility and responsiveness to what each participant needs. Popular programs include Kinder Gym, Kitchen Wizards, Music and Story times, Toddler Talk, Family Drop-in Play, free clothing exchanges, and free lunches. Different programs run each day and on some evenings Talk It Out parent sessions are available allowing working families to get involved too.



Boys & Girls Clubs  
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**Schedule:** Mondays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.  
Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
**Location:** Okanagan Boys & Girls Clubs – Westside  
Boys & Girls Club, 2828 Inverness Road, West Kelowna

Call 250-768-3049 for more information or visit  
[www.boysandgirlsclubs.ca](http://www.boysandgirlsclubs.ca)



The Sandbox Development Group is "Creating Places to Play"... Where do you go to play?

## Central Okanagan Family Resource Programs - Kelowna

The Family Resource Programs are offered to families with children 6 years of age or less by Kelowna Child Care Society in collaboration with the Bridge Youth & Family Services and Okanagan Boys & Girls Clubs. Drop-in sessions include opportunities for parents and caregivers to interact with other families with children the same age, increase their social networks, discuss parenting issues, talk about child development, access resource materials, learn positive behavior management techniques, and provide creative play opportunities.



**The Martin Avenue Community Centre** drop-in program is offered three days a week with an additional "Parent Talk" parent education and support session once a week.

**Martin Avenue Drop-in Program Schedule:**  
**Drop-in Program** - Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
**Parent Talk** – Fridays from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Martin Avenue Community Centre, 1434 Graham St, Kelowna

**Parent Place** - Another weekly drop-in session is offered at a second location called 'Parent Place'. This Central Okanagan Family Resource (COFRP) program complements the quality programs and services already offered there by The Bridge Youth & Family Services during the days, evenings, and weekends which includes parent education and support groups, prenatal programs and supports, parent education courses and workshops, and early learning/literacy/and interactive play activities.

### Parent Place Schedule:

**Creative Playtime** -Mondays, Wednesdays & Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Central Okanagan Family Resource Program** – Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Family Night and Creative Playtime** – Tuesdays from 4:00 to 7:00p.m.

**Parent Talk** – every second Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Child minding provided)

**Special Deliveries** – Thursdays from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** Parent Place, 630 Cadder Avenue, Kelowna

Call 250-762-3536 for information on COFRP. [www.kelownachildcare.com](http://www.kelownachildcare.com)

Call 250-763-0456 for information on The Bridge services at Parent Place.

[www.thebridgeservices.ca](http://www.thebridgeservices.ca)



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