



MORICETOWN, SMITHERS & TELKWA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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MOST for Children is a group made up of community representatives and individuals who are willing to work collaboratively to be champions for children and their families. The work is guided by valuing children's rights, acceptance, diversity, and relationships. The goals of the committee are to provide support and knowledge to families regarding early child development and to increase the professional capacity within early childhood organizations and community

Project Funding

The funding is provided by the Ministry of Children and Family Development. The Bulkley Valley Child Development Centre is responsible for establishing and maintaining a process for the distribution of **Children First** funding in this sub-region (Hazelton to Vanderhoof).

What is  ???

Community driven initiative that focuses on prevention, promotion, and support for early childhood development and learning. Children First Initiatives are built on existing resources and networks within communities and are unique to each community. **The objective is to enhance and improve services to achieve better outcomes for children and their families.** To accomplish this objective, the Children First Initiative incorporates coordination, community capacity building, research and development into their services.

*"For a community to be whole and healthy, it must be based on people's love and concern for each other."
~ Millard Fuller*

WHAT MOST HAS ACCOMPLISHED IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS

- * Family Zone at the BV Fall Fair
 - community event
- * Funded books for the CDC Infant Development Program Christmas party
 - literacy
- * Facilitator training of 2 ECEs in the 'Nobody's Perfect' parenting program
 - community education
- * **Early Childhood Development calendars**
 - community education

These calendars are available for programs free of charge to give to their families with children under 6 years.

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UPCOMING PROJECTS:

- ❖ 2 language-based theme boxes for parents & care-givers - language development
- ❖ Playgroup funding for the 2012 year - community event
- ❖ 'Nobody's Perfect' parenting workshops in Moricetown & Smithers - community event & education
- ❖ 3 year old screening days in Moricetown & Smithers - early intervention
- ❖ **Family Play Day 2012**
Feb 11th @ Dze L'Kant Hall
 - community event
- ❖ **Call for proposals**
 - program development

MOST Committee is looking for interested organizations to be a part of **Family Play Day 2012**. Help support early childhood development and families by providing a fun, interactive activity from 11am to 2 pm on February 11th as part of the Town of Smithers Spirit of the Mountain Festivities.

Funding Opportunity - call for proposals

The MOST for Children Committee is now accepting funding applications for local initiatives that meet the Children First Objectives:

- Increase community capacity,
- Increase service delivery effectiveness,
- Engage "hard to reach" families,
- Increase opportunities for early identification and screening, and
- Improve outcomes for children and families.

Deadline for submissions: Friday December 30, 2011

If you would like more information on either of these items - please contact **Kathy Petursson** at (250) 847-8824 or kathy.petursson@bvcdc.ca