



United Way
Northern British Columbia



UNITED WAY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA (UWNBC) – COMMUNITY IMPACT IN DAWSON CREEK

As part of UWNBC community development work, community issues were identified through research and consultation for UWNBC’s 3 pillars: **Successful Kids/Empowered Families, Involved Seniors** and **Healthy Citizens and Safe, Supportive Communities**.

The Dawson Creek issues identified can be summarized as:

Successful Kids/Empowered Families	Involved Seniors	Healthy Citizens and Safe, Supportive Communities
Need more programs to help children prepare for various stages of school	Seniors need a broader range of support services to help them remain independent in their homes (i.e. home maintenance, home care, etc.)	Need free activities for residents with mental / physical disabilities
Parenting programs need to address a broader range of needs / issues (i.e. single parents, conflict resolution, parent / child relationships, etc.)		Need for more youth addiction programs
For more information please visit: www.unitedwaynbc.ca/Documents/Success_By_6_2010_2011.pdf		

Listed below are current community development, organizational capacity enhancements and community investments that begin to address the community issues identified above. With your support UWNBC will continue to assess needs and invest for change.

Community Development

- UWNBC facilitated two **Days of Caring** in Dawson Creek where community non-profits benefitted from support of local businesses. Spectra Energy Transmission provided labour and materials for a worthwhile day of sprucing up Munchkinland- an early learning centre for children and their families. Spectra, RBC Child Care Resource & Referral and Dawson Creek Literacy all worked together to prepare 200 Parent Packages for the Building Learning Together Booth at the Dawson Creek Trade Show. UWNBC organizes these opportunities on an ongoing basis as charities request support and businesses step forward to offer their time and talent.
- **Community Impact and Investment Committee (CIIC)** – As part of the ongoing work to strengthen the impact UWNBC investments have across northern BC, a Community Impact and Investment Committee (CIIC) is working in Dawson Creek. Made up of community leaders, donors and citizens - the results of their community engagement can be seen in the community impact investment listed below.

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COMMUNITY IMPACT INVESTMENTS NORTHERN BC CITIZENS RECEIVED SERVICE THROUGH THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS

PROGRAM NAME	ORGANIZATION	DAWSON CREEK	NORTHERN REGION
PEER PROGRAMMING	BC Paraplegic Association 1-800-689-2477	4 persons	121 persons
INFORMATION SERVICES		4 persons	395 persons
REHABILITATION SERVICES	cnib 250-563-1702	64 persons	863 persons
CRISIS PREVENTION, INTERVENTION & INFORMATION	Crisis Centre for Northern BC 250-564-5736	79 persons	6831 persons
LEGAL ASSISTANCE	Active Support Against Poverty 250-563-6112	1 person	1104 persons
CHILDREN WHO WITNESS ABUSE	Amata Transition House Society 250-992-7321	1 person	18 people were provided training
MAKING CONNECTIONS	South Peace Community Resources Society (SPCRS) 250-782-9174	48 persons	

Program & Service Impact Investments - July 1st 2011 to June 30th 2012

- **BC Paraplegic Association** - The mission of the BC Paraplegic Association is to help people with spinal cord injuries and other physical disabilities achieve independence, self-reliance and full community participation. For further information call 1-800-689-2477 or visit www.bcpa.org.

The BCPA **Peer Program** hosts social groups, special events and educational sessions that give people with spinal cord injuries, their family members and their friends the opportunity to connect with others in similar situations, to try new activities that they may not have thought possible because of their injury and to continue learning about living with an injury.

Information Services, comprised of a Provincial InfoLine (1-800-689-2477), a dynamic website (www.bcpa.org) and a comprehensive SCI Information Database, people can access vital information on issues related to living with a spinal cord injury, such as accessible housing, government benefits, employment opportunities and recreation options.

- **cnib** - Provides community-based support, knowledge and a national voice to ensure blind and partially sighted Canadians have the confidence, skills and opportunities to fully participate in life. For further information call (250) 563-1702 or visit www.cnib.ca.

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Rehabilitation Services include: Orientation and Mobility, Independent Living Skills, Career and Employment and Low Vision Services. People who are coping with vision loss receive peer support from trained volunteers and referrals as needed to health professionals, information on concessions such as the cnib ID card, training from our service staff to help them remain independent or maintain employment and access to the free cnib library service.

- **Crisis Prevention, Intervention & Information Centre for Northern BC** – Operates a Crisis line, youth support line and online youth chat room and provides community education workshops and information on community resources. They provide crisis intervention, suicide prevention, resource information, education and confidential peer support for the people of Northern BC. For further information call (250) 564-5736 or visit www.northernbccrisissuicide.ca
- **Active Support Against Poverty** - A self-help, volunteer based agency which acts as guides for the empowerment, education, and self-determination of the financially poor. For further information call (250) 563-6112.

Services provided are wide ranging and can be divided into two separate streams: General and Legal. General services reflect clients accessing phone, fax, message, income tax, clothing etc.; Legal services reflect clients accessing legal services that include: information and referral, summary advice and full representation.

- **Amata Transition House Society** – The Amata Transition House is a non-profit feminist based society dedicated to ending all forms of violence against women and children. For more information call (250) 992-7321 or visit www.amata.ca

Amata is hosting a training session for Northern BC staff of transition homes in support of **Children Who Witness Abuse** (CWWA) programs. CWWA is an intervention and prevention based program that addresses the needs of children and youth between the ages of 3 and 18 who have been exposed to abuse.

- **South Peace Community Resources Society** – The South Peace Community Resources Society is dedicated to meeting the social and personal needs of the South Peace community by providing services that assist people to develop to the full extent of their potential. For more information call (250) 782-9174 or visit www.spcrs.ca.

Making connections empowers women who are impacted by relationship abuse, substance use and/or mental ill health through delivering counseling and support using integrated, low-barrier groups.

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