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UNITED WAY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA (UWNBC) – COMMUNITY IMPACT IN FORT ST. JAMES

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 Fort St. James issues identified can be summarized as:

Successful Kids/Empowered Families	Involved Seniors	Healthy Citizens and Safe, Supportive Communities
Need a range of affordable social / recreational programs for youth, particularly teens	Need for more programs to enable seniors to live independently longer (i.e. handyman, yard work, snow removal, etc.)	Need a broader range of timely mental health support
Need for more affordable day care		Limited wheelchair accessibility
For more information please visit: www.unitedwaynbc.ca/Documents/Success_By_6_2010_2011.pdf		Need a broader range of substance abuse programs
		Need for more anti-violence programs that address the needs of all parties involved in abusive relationships

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.

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

PROGRAM NAME	ORGANIZATION	FORT ST. JAMES	NORTHERN REGION
PEER PROGRAMMING	BC Paraplegic Association 1-800-689-2477	2 persons	121 persons
INFORMATION SERVICES			395 persons
REHABILITATION SERVICES	cnib 250-563-1702	13 persons	863 persons
CRISIS PREVENTION, INTERVENTION & INFORMATION	Crisis Centre for Northern BC 250-564-5736	30 persons	6831 persons
ADVOCACY PROGRAMS	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 staff were provided training
MEMBER SERVICES SUPPORT PROGRAM	Positive Living North 250-562-1172	200 contacts made	9866 contacts made
CIRCLE OF TRUTH PROGRAM & SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE	Surpassing Our Survival (S.O.S) 250-564-8302	6 persons	2952 client contacts

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.bcpara.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.bcpara.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.

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- **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.

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.

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- **Positive Living North** - Provides culturally-appropriate care and support for people living with HIV/HCV, their families, and their significant communities; PLN also provides education and prevention information to the community at large. For further information call (250) 562-1172 or visit www.positivelivingnorth.ca

The Member Services Support Program supports a Peer Support Worker in providing informal counseling and modeling of healthy choices and lifestyles to others at risk of getting or currently living with HIV/AIDS/Hepatitis C, the ability to network locally, provincially and federally, advocate on behalf of people living with HIV/AIDS/Hepatitis C and develop and initiate Member Services programming.

- **Surpassing Our Survival (S.O.S) Society** - Promotes awareness and support for sexually abused victims and their families. For further information call (250) 564-8302.

The **Circle of Truth Program** provides counseling services and educational awareness programs to men and male serving organizations; these services are also offered to teens, addressing issues such as recent sexual assaults, prevention and education.

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