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## **UNITED WAY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA (UWNBC) – COMMUNITY IMPACT IN SMITHERS**

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 Smithers issues identified can be summarized as:

<b>Successful Kids/ Empowered Families</b>	<b>Involved Seniors</b>	<b>Healthy Citizens and Safe, Supportive Communities</b>
Need more after school programming, including the development of a youth centre	Promote and support programs to help seniors remain independent in their own homes	Need to support holistic approaches to developing healthy citizens, including local access to mobile diagnostic services,
More affordable service options are needed to strengthen families, including affordable childcare and recreational opportunities		Need to develop discharge and follow up plans for mental health patients
For more information please visit: <a href="http://www.unitedwaybc.ca/Documents/Success%20By%206%202010%202011.pdf">www.unitedwaybc.ca/Documents/Success By 6 2010 2011.pdf</a>		Travel support is needed for those who must commute for regionalized services
		No addiction treatment facilities with adequate support services that are accessible within the region

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	SMITHERS	NORTHERN REGION
PEER PROGRAMMING	<b>BC Paraplegic Association</b> 1-800-689-2477	5 persons	121 persons
INFORMATION SERVICES		8 persons	395 persons
REHABILITATION SERVICES	<b>cnib</b> 250-563-1702	38 persons	863 persons
CRISIS PREVENTION, INTERVENTION & INFORMATION	<b>Crisis Centre for Northern BC</b> 250-564-5736	59 persons	6831 persons
MEMBER SERVICES SUPPORT PROGRAM	<b>Positive Living North</b> 250-562-1172	774 contacts	
CHILDREN WHO WITNESS ABUSE	<b>Amata Transition House Society</b> 250-992-7321	1 person	18 staff were provided training
COMMUNITY COORDINATION FOR SENIORS SAFETY	<b>Northern Society For Domestic Peace</b> 250-847-9000	Up to 3000	

### COMMUNITY IMPACT INVESTMENTS - JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> 2011 TO JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://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](http://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.

- **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](http://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 obtaining a CNIB ID card, training from 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](http://www.northernbccrisissuicide.ca)
- **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](http://www.amata.ca)

**Children Who Witness Abuse:** 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.

- **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](http://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.

- **Northern Society for Domestic Peace** – is dedicated to developing, delivery, and supporting programs that provide opportunities for individuals and families to strengthen their relationships and the quality of their lives by fostering respect, challenging violence and promoting health and self determination. For more information call (250) 847-9000 or visit [www.domesticpeace.ca](http://www.domesticpeace.ca)

**Community Coordination for Seniors Safety** will create a community stakeholders group; provide coordination of services for seniors and provision of safety services to assist seniors to remain independent in their homes in Smithers and area.

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