

**This special Visions Update is an overview of Provincial SB6 activities over the first quarter of 2009.**

**Goodbyes.....**



**Deb is shown here with her granddaughter, Claire.**

■ **Farewell To Our Provincial Manager**

It is with great regret that we announce that Deb Bryant will be leaving the position of SB6 Provincial Manager at the end of May. Deb has been with Success By 6 for over five years, first in helping to establish the Powell River initiative, and then moving into the role of Provincial Manager in 2007. Deb has developed a strong reputation as both a strategic thinker and a skilled implementer. Her passion for community work is always in great evidence, and she forged strong, mutually beneficial relationships across the province. Deb is moving on to a position with the United Way of the Lower Mainland and will be sorely missed. We wish her every success in her new endeavours.

■ **Thank You Minister Christensen**

Minister Tom Christensen, Minister of Children and Family Services for the Province of British Columbia, will be not be seeking re-election this May. Minister Christensen has been a strong advocate on behalf of children in this province and has also been a supporter of Success By 6.

On behalf of Success By 6 we would like to extend our sincere thanks to Minister Christensen for his support and leadership. We wish him well in his future endeavours.



**Minister Christensen at the 2008 SB6 renewal announcement**

■ **Changes to the Early Childhood Development Provincial Partnership (ECDPP)**

Kim Andres, past Chair of the ECDPP (and formerly with Central 1 Credit Union) and Jennifer Locke, MCFD representative have been active with the Early Childhood Development Provincial Partnership over the last year. Both Kim and Jennifer have stepped down from the committee and Success By 6 would like to thank each of them for their dedication and commitment to the initiative.

In addition, we'd like to welcome Helen Blackburn, Senior VP of Strategic Planning and Integration as the Central 1 Credit Union representative on the committee. As a credit union system executive, a board member of E-Comm 911, a former board member of the Fraser Health Authority, a mother of two young children, and a participant in many Success By 6 events, we have every confidence that Helen will bring to Success By 6 a wealth of experience and dedication.

Other members of the ECDPP are Kim Lockhart (chair) United Ways of Canada, Michael McKnight, CEO United Way of the Lower Mainland, Patrice Pratt, Member, Vancity Board of Directors and Aleksandra Stevanovic, MCFD Early Years branch.

**Recruitment of New Success By 6 Provincial Manager**

Recruitment is now underway for a new SB6 Provincial Manager. Information on the position can be found at [www.successby6bc.ca](http://www.successby6bc.ca) or [www.uwlm.ca](http://www.uwlm.ca)

## Project Updates.....

### ■ Leadership DVD Project

A lot of buzz has been created about the Leadership DVD. The DVD entitled "We can Change the Future" was showcased at the Feeding the Passion conference on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and was received positively. The goal of this DVD is to engage communities in dialogue regarding the importance of early childhood development. The DVD is designed to be used as a template for communities to use in meetings and gatherings to inform and raise awareness among Aboriginal Leadership regarding the importance of the early years in Aboriginal children's development.



The DVD has been created to be used in a multi-viewer setting e.g. a group presentation, broad audience and is approximately 10 to 15 minutes in length. This resource will be available for circulation in May 2009. To have your name added to the distribution list, please email Nimmi Bangert, [nimmib@successby6bc.ca](mailto:nimmib@successby6bc.ca)

### ■ 2010 Calendar Project



The 2010 calendar planning process is well underway. We have had a number of coordinators send in photos for the calendar and we'd like to thank everyone who made a contribution. We are anticipating having the calendars ready for distribution in October 2009. Calendars will be distributed through both the Credit Union and community network.

In addition to serving as a calendar, this resource provides information on ECD to parents and families.

## Kudos.....

### Congratulations to South Peace Success By 6!

South Peace SB6 is the recipient of the 2008 Dawson Creek and District Chamber of Commerce Award for Best Non-Profit Organization of the year, beating out 7 other nominees to win the award. The award was presented to Heidy Kux-Kardos, who accepted on behalf of South Peace SB6, at the Civic Awards dinner on April 9, 2009.



**Heidy Kux-Kardos accepting the award on behalf of SB6 South Peace**

The scope of the South Peace SB6 ranges from Tumbler Ridge to Chetwynd to Dawson Creek and includes 6 Aboriginal communities. In addition to all the amazing work that SB6 does in each of these communities, the South Peace SB6 was instrumental in creating a new 0-6 playground for a man-made lake (outdoor swimming pool) in Dawson Creek. This is a popular summer hang out for many low income families in the area.

Congratulations to South Peace Success By 6 and to everyone involved.

■ **SB6 Activity Map**

Have you ever wondered about the number of communities that are connected to the Success By 6 network? According to the **2008 Year End Reports from Communities**, Success By 6 was active in some capacity in over 240 communities in BC last year.

To obtain a copy of the map please contact Nimmi Bangert at [nimmib@successby6bc.ca](mailto:nimmib@successby6bc.ca) or Cheryn Wong at [cherynw@successby6bc.ca](mailto:cherynw@successby6bc.ca)

