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

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 Vanderhoof issues identified can be summarized as:

Successful Kids/Empowered Families	Involved Seniors	Healthy Citizens and Safe, Supportive Communities
Need to develop a youth centre	Broader range of social / recreational activities especially for low income seniors	Need more resources to provide timely access to mental health services
More affordable social/recreational programs for low income children are needed		More resources needed for diagnosis and to assist residents to cope with special needs
More programs to strengthen single mothers		Need a broader range of substance abuse supports
More parenting programs for fathers		Need more anti-violence / healthy relationship programs for men
Routine transportation between Saik’uz Reserve and Vanderhoof is needed		
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

- As part of the ongoing work to strengthen the impact UWNBC investments have across northern BC, a Community Impact and Investment Committee (CIIC) was formed in Vanderhoof. 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	VANDERHOOF	NORTHERN REGION
PEER PROGRAMMING	BC Paraplegic Association 1-800-689-2477	2 persons	121 persons
INFORMATION SERVICES		6 persons	395 persons
REHABILITATION SERVICES	cnib 250-563-1702	34 persons	863 persons
CRISIS PREVENTION, INTERVENTION & INFORMATION	Crisis Centre for Northern BC 250-564-5736	30 persons	6831 persons
LEGAL ASSISTANCE	Active Support Against Poverty 250-563-6112	4 persons	
CHILDREN WHO WITNESS ABUSE	Amata Transition House Society 250-992-7321	1 person	18 persons were provided training
MEMBER SERVICES SUPPORT PROGRAM	Positive Living North 250-562-1172	18 contacts made	
CIRCLE OF TRUTH PROGRAM & SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE	Surpassing Our Survival (S.O.S) 250-564-8302	3 persons	
YOUTH CENTRE	Youth Centre/College of New Caledonia 250-567-4879	25-30 youth per day	
SENIORS CONNECTED	Volunteer Vanderhoof 250-567-4879	20 – 30 seniors	
BEST MOM AND DADS	Neighbourlink Vanderhoof 250-567-9007	17 parents and 41 children	

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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.

- **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.

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- **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.

- **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.

- **Youth Centre/College of New Caledonia** - Promotes awareness and support for sexually abused victims and their families. For further information call (250) 564-8302.

The **Youth Centre** provides integrated social and developmental activities for youth within an accessible, safe, and supportive environment. Workshops and projects deliver decision making, problem-solving, and leadership skills that will not only increase the ability of youth to function more successfully in all aspects of their lives, but increase their employability.

- **Seniors Connected/Volunteer Vanderhoof/College of New Caledonia** - Promotes awareness and support for sexually abused victims and their families. For further information call (250) 564-8302.

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The **Seniors Connected Program** provides one-on-one support for isolated or house-bound seniors, including low cost volunteer transport to and from medically related local appointments; support calls; and regular home visits. Volunteer Vanderhoof will also host twice monthly Seniors Games nights for Seniors and Elders from the communities of Vanderhoof and Saik'uz First Nation.

- **Neighbourlink Vanderhoof** – Supports all families especially those at or near poverty by operating the ACTII Thrift Store, a food bank, a furniture exchange, the Best Moms and Dads program, and a weekly community lunch. For further information call (250) 567-9007.

The **Best Mom and Dads Program** provides parents with strengthened relationships and support networks of parents while developing literacy, nutrition and parenting skills and building self esteem. Children engage in positive, stimulating activities that promote an interest in learning and positive interactions with peers.

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