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Mission Early Childhood
Development Committee

Children's Programs that have been sponsored by Children First funding in Mission for 2007-2008.

Grants were advertised in the community paper for two weeks and applicants went through a selection process by the Early Childhood Development Committee. Decisions were made by consensus based upon needs in the community and alignment with the strategic plan.

Recipients include:

Family Place: Located at 7369 James in Mission and operated by Mission Community Services Society, Family Place is a friendly drop in for children under 6, their parents and care givers. With playtimes, hot lunches, crafts and specialty programs. Success By 6 financial support allows an enriched parenting experience, learning opportunities for little ones and strengthens connections to our great community. Drop-ins are regularly Mon., Tues. and Friday 9:30am to 12pm and Hot Lunch is Thursdays at 12pm.

Fun and Run Drop-in: District of Mission's Mission Parks, Recreation and Culture located at the Leisure Centre, 7650 Grand St, and Success By 6 offer a free drop-in gym program for families with children aged zero to six. Once a week on Tuesday's from 11am-1pm, this program focuses on children's motor and social skills with an instructor and parent participation. Come enjoy a free indoor gym time with your little one while meeting new people.

La Leche League: Meetings are held monthly at Family Place to support women and their families with breastfeeding. Information will be delivered to appropriate programs, services

and businesses about the importance of breastfeeding. Call 604-820-3295 for more information.

Mother Goose: An oral language program offered by the Mission Literacy Association to parents and children under 18 months that builds a foundation of literacy through songs, rhymes and phonemic awareness. It raises awareness of the difference these basic literacy skills can make in the lives of children. Increases interest among parents in enriching their homes through literacy. It creates social and supportive networks among parents. The program assists parents in gaining skills and confidence to give their children healthy early experiences with language and communication. Call 604-820-6013 for more information.

Tree House: Located at 9224 Stave Lake St. in Mission and operated by Mission Community Services Society, Tree House is a friendly drop in for children under 6, their parents and care givers. With playtimes, hot lunches, crafts children learn social skills, play, and develop friendships. The parents also appreciated the networking opportunities, chances to learn about developmental milestones and resources in the community. Success By 6 financial support allows an enriched parenting experience, learning opportunities for little ones and strengthens connections to our great community. Drop-ins are regularly Tues. and Thurs. 9-11am, Friday Hot Lunch is at 11:30am.

Tuesday Club: Native Housing along with Success By 6, provide the children of Statxwaya with a program that prepares them for kindergarten. It is an after school program with constructive learning experiences based on literacy. This includes healthy snacks, reading and writing materials, computer programs, as well as an assistant. Activities include crafts, snack time and workshops, with Elders mentoring the youngsters and members of the community visiting.