

Three Year Goals

1. Enhance early supports for children & families.
2. Develop formal community plans.
3. Promote community understanding of early childhood and early learning.
4. Engage partners in sustaining early childhood programs.
5. Champion the integration of community services.



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Interior Health Authority- Public Health
Kimberley Helping Hands Food Bank
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School District # 6
East Kootenay Childhood Coalition

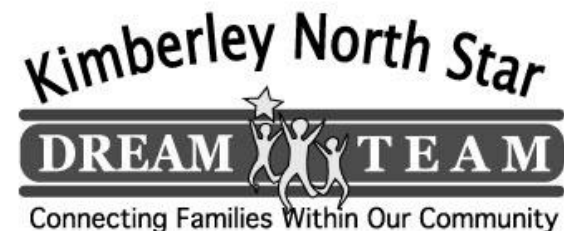
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How we care for children in their early years has a lasting impact on the adults they become.



Who Are We?



The NSDT is a community planning committee dedicated to the support and advocacy of families living in and around Kimberley. Members include agency representatives and individuals from a broad cross section of disciplines - social service agencies, public health, resource and referral, mental health, literacy, early intervention, business and childcare. Parent representation from our community is vital to stay current and accurately represent families in our community.

The North Star Dream Team (NSDT) history:

- 2003 to develop a shared dream - a place in Kimberley that would be known as the Parenting and Family Place.
- 2005 this dream became closer to reality with the creation of 'Play & Learn' - a CBAL Play & Learn Family Drop-in Program.
- 2007 creation of the Early Learning Centre



Purpose



The primary role of the NSDT is to facilitate the coordination of family services and early childhood community development in Kimberley. We function as:

- the Early Childhood Development (ECD) Advisory Committee.
- the advisory committee for Community Action Program for Children (CAPC).
- the steering committee for Roots of Empathy program.
- a partner with School District #6 on the Ready, Set, Learn initiative.

The NSDT works collaboratively with our members, partners and funders to develop and support early childhood programs which empower and strengthen families. The team has direct links to the East Kootenay Childhood Coalition, Children First and Success by Six, initiatives that work to improve child development outcomes. We use existing community strengths and assets to improve services and service delivery.



Our Vision



Our vision is to promote a healthy community for families living in Kimberley. The first six years are critical developmental years for children in areas including emotional, social, language and motor skills.



Mission Statement



To foster family development in the areas of:

- Physical health and well being
- Social competence
- Emotional maturity
- Language and cognitive development
- Communication skills