



# History

- Formed in 2003
- Subcommittee of The Community Network
- Funders are United Way of the Lower Mainland and MCFD
- Work for families with Children 0 to 6 years.



# Mission

- The Ridge Meadows Early Childhood Development Committee
  - promotes and supports community engagement in improving the health and well-being of all children (pre-natal to age 6)
  - advocates on behalf of all children and families in Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows and Katzie First Nation.



# ECD Committee Activities

- Over 60 plus different projects
  - raise community and service provider awareness
  - reach out to marginalized families
  - research community needs and assets
  - provide training for parents and professionals
  - create a Social Media Strategy
    - [www.ridgemeanowsecd.ca](http://www.ridgemeanowsecd.ca)
    - Facebook –  
RidgeMeadowsEarlyChildhoodDevelopmentCommittee



# Research

- Local expertise
- Local ECD research
  - Parent Barriers Report
  - Poverty Report
- Early Development Instrument (EDI)
  - Measures 5 scales of development
    - Social Competence – 14%
    - Emotional Maturity – 15%
    - Physical Health & Well-Being – 13%
    - Communication Skills & General Knowledge – 11%
    - Language and Cognitive Development – 8%



## 5<sup>th</sup> Strategic Plan

- attempt to monitor current research and act on existing trends as it relates to early childhood development;
- create engagement and awareness through a comprehensive social media strategy;
- and create sustainability for our strategic endeavours while advocating for sustainability of programs and services within Ridge Meadows.



# Future Work

- Looking at the feasibility of conducting a child care needs assessment;
- Applying this fall for an Early Year's Centre through the Office of the Early Year's.



# The Middle Childhood Matters Standing Committee

Presentation to The Community  
Network 2014



# History

- Formed in 2008
- Subcommittee of The Community Network
- Funders are United Way of the Lower Mainland
- Work for families with Children 6 to 12 years.





# Mission

- The Middle Childhood Matters Standing Committee
  - in partnership with children/youth, family and community promotes opportunities and undertakes initiatives that support the well-being of children and youth of the Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, and Kitzie communities.



# MCM Committee Activities

- Middle Development Instrument Partnership
- Provide training opportunities for parents and professionals
- Raise community and Service Provider awareness through our Quarterly Newsletter, Brochures, Bookmarks and Summer Activity Calendar
- Create an MCM website
  - [www.ridgemeadowskidsmatter.com](http://www.ridgemeadowskidsmatter.com)



# Research

- Local expertise
  - Local MCM research
    - Parent/Caregiver Report
  - Middle Development Instrument (MDI) Measures
    - 5 dimensions of development
      - Social & Emotional Development
      - Physical Health & Well-Being
      - Connectedness to Adults and Peers – 17% of children could not name one important adult at school
      - School Experiences
      - Use of After-School Time
- Through
- Well Being Index
    - 47% of grade 4's are vulnerable on the index
  - 4 Developmental Assets
    - Most vulnerable in Sleep & Nutrition at 28%
    - The other 3 assets are Adult Relationships, Peer Relationships and After School Activities



# Strategic Plan

- Increase awareness, decrease barriers and review availability of programs and services
- Increase educational and supportive opportunities
- Engage with children, youth and families in Ridge Meadows



# Future Work

- MDI Action was created and a program to support the vulnerabilities in this research was created – Active Kids Hour
- Seeking continued grant opportunities
- Rollout of Active Kids Hour in 3 pilot schools in September 2015 with full implementation in January 2016 in 5 schools.