

	<p><b>Children and Communities – Nipawin</b>  <b>May 14, 2008 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Central Park School</b></p> <p>Presentation by: Brenda Ives</p>
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What are the important messages from this report?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- concerns regarding social competent/ emotional maturity- EDI readiness</li> <li>- behind in all areas ( domains in the EDI)</li> <li>- frightening to see where kids maybe long term</li> <li>- average of above average in recreation resources</li> <li>- need for cultural, music, literacy and language development</li> </ul>
What are the strengths in your community which support young children and their families?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recreation and physical education programs</li> <li>- Pre-kindergarten program, Busy Bee Pre- school</li> <li>- Central Park Elementary School - Outreach workers, Kids First, Family Fun Fair</li> <li>- Nutrition for Kids, Kids Sport, Church Mom and Tots,</li> <li>- Integrated Services/ School Plus, Library Story –time</li> <li>- Kids First</li> <li>- Central Park Learning Centre</li> </ul>

<p>What are some community actions which build on strengths or address challenges in terms of children's readiness to learn and readiness for life?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Relationship building is key- good history of relationships and collaboration</li> <li>- A family mentorship program is already happening informally and effectively</li> <li>- Find who could be a mentor to a family</li> <li>- A Mom and Tots group was a need identified by Busy Bee preschool parents</li> <li>- Marketing of programs with target to families who could most benefit</li> <li>- Transportation is an issue ( winter0 – Primary Care Team is looking into this issue</li> <li>- One – on – one contact - Personal invitation to be involved</li> <li>- Open House Evening to welcome families into school/ programs</li> <li>- build community ownership of supporting our children</li> <li>- Story Time is not all that well utilized –Marketing? What are the barriers for parents and children? Maybe having to lead a group or organize the craft may be intimidating- money to purchase materials for the craft?- families are worried about “fitting in” -community donations or community helpers could reduce barriers</li> <li>-</li> </ul>
<p>What do we need to follow-up on today's discussion?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Share information with the community</li> <li>- Share why community needs to share initiatives</li> <li>- Journal article – Kent Peterson</li> <li>- Formation of an Early Childhood Network in Nipawin</li> </ul>