

	<p>Children and Communities – Porcupine Plain May 21, 2008 - 1:00 – 3: 00 p.m.- Public Service Building</p> <p>North East Understanding the Early Years Study Results- Presentation by: Brenda Ives, Myrna Soonias</p>
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<p>What are the important messages from this report?</p>	<p>Children in the East study area are doing pretty well. There seems to be lots to do for families.</p>
<p>What are the strengths in your community which support young children and their families?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extended family involvement - Lots to do for families – Greenwater, hockey, skating, library, all ages participate in community activities - Community spirit - willing to help each other

<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"> - Preschool is attended by all (95%) of the children - Offer space in the school for the preschool class - "Books for Babies" program is coordinated through the P.Plain Interagency - Educational sessions for parents/ parenting workshops should offer childcare - Make room for early childhood / preschool/ library in the new school facility
<p>What do we need to follow-up on today's discussion?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pre K or preschool program using school facilities would be great - Since Porcupine will have a new K- 12 school – it may be possible to have a community library in the school - Networking with early years group - Presentation about "Books for Babies" - Information about the domain of Communications Skills and General knowledge to Brian and Don