

Children and Communities – Red Earth

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North East Understanding the Early Years Study Results- Presentation

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What are the important messages from this report?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Give us ideas for direction- what to look into for the children for the future- Resources are required- More information on student learning abilities , possibilities- parental involvement in school- first language is important and not a barrier- Encourage parents to send children to Head Start (3yrs)- English as a first/ second language?- Do children learn easier/ better if they have experience in both languages-Cree and English?	

<p>What are the strengths in your community which support young children and their families?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Head Start, Day Care, Nursery Program, NEECIP, Clinic, Elementary School - Parents – Language, Culture, Values, Traditions - Good pre-school services – Head Start, Day Care, Health Clinic, NEECIP
<p>What 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"> - Emphasize Philosophy – The community is part of the school, the school is part of the community - Storytelling, Elders, Parental Involvement, Parent Workshops, Parent Day- parent comes to school with children - Stress education is very important at parent conferences, get parents interested - Use Kids First Program models - Community Library – open school library to parents with story nights at the school - Computer night for parents (to lead to learning and literacy) - May need adult literacy programs for the parents so parents can read to children - Library- Store handle books – out of town - Outreach Library – PAGC or Wapiti Regional Library System
<p>What do we need to follow-up on today's discussion?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parent planning Committee - Commitment and Support - Invite Chief /Headmen/ Education Council and Health - Newsletters - Posters at store, Band Office, High School, Health Centre