

Growing SEED: Development of an Early Years Network in Northern British Columbia (BC)



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Background

- Services in the early years can be fragmented, and many obstacles exist for families and service providers in accessing and delivering services. Provincial policy changes and geographic disparities often impact rural and northern contexts differently.
- To improve the lives of children in Northern BC, researchers, service providers, policymakers, and communities must come together in partnership to create positive change, align services, build reciprocity and share resources if our children and their families are to flourish.

Development Process

In 2018, a small group of cross-sector early years providers in Prince George, BC undertook a year long Compassionate Systems Leadership (CSL) training and mentorship program delivered by the Human Early Learning Partnership.

Next, a Michael Smith Health Research Convene & Collaborate award allowed us to develop and deliver a virtual summit to bring sectors together to learn about CSL and share how we can collaborate to create systems change for families in Northern BC.

Read about the Summit



Following the summit we strengthened our communication approach and built new relationships to establish a Regional Advisory Table. This table created an early years action plan specific to our region of the province.

View our action plan



The SEED Network supports...

Research & Innovation

We identify early childhood research opportunities and support individuals, communities, and the region more broadly to engage in innovative research

Knowledge Mobilization

We share knowledge, valuable resources and celebrate work happening to support children and families during the perinatal period and early childhood

Relationship Building

We aim to strengthen cross-sector relationships and partnerships between those working with families during the perinatal period and early childhood (0-8 yrs)

The Significance

- CSL is one way to guide engagement and create active and supportive spaces for systems change. The opportunity to exchange information, feel listened to, and discover meaningful similarities and differences across services, geographies, cultures, and disciplines was a positive experience. The principles of CSL have assisted us in inspiring partners, fostering positive inclusion, and building enthusiastic cross-boundary intersectoral working.

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