

What is an Early Years Centre?

Early Years Centres are about communities working together to ensure families have access to services that promote the health, well-being and development of children aged birth-6 years.

Early Years Centres build on what already exists in communities, and supports families to access these services.

Early Years Centres:

- ◆ Are welcoming and supportive spaces and places
- ◆ Are culturally safe and honoring of diversity; reflecting families in the community
- ◆ Provide a wide range of services, resources and supports to families with young children



**There are two gifts
we can give our children,
One is roots to grow,
And the other is wings to fly**

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Program Information

The Okanagan Skaha Early Years Centre was developed through a strong partnership between School District 67 - Okanagan Skaha and the host organization, Penticton & District Community Resources Society.

The **Okanagan Skaha Early Years Centre (OKS EYC)** was developed in collaboration with a diverse network of social service providers who work together around early child development.

The original "Hub" model was developed within School District 67 and was successful in meeting the needs of families in the Penticton area. The new OKS Early Years Centre was built in response to an identified need to continue to build relationships with families in a way that would promote and support increased access to early childhood services, and expand the early years supports throughout the school district.



Services Available

- ◆ Information about child development and parenting
- ◆ Developmental screening and supports
- ◆ Culturally focussed family supports and resources
- ◆ Opportunities to participate in activities as a family that reflect cultural and community values
- ◆ Referrals to services and supports that promote healthy early childhood development, for example, speech and language development, childcare, health nurse or dental services
- ◆ Referrals to social service agencies that assist with housing, food security, income and transportation



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Service Hours



The Okanagan Skaha Early Years Facilitator visits community based school sites in Penticton & area including: Queen's Park Elementary, Parkway Elementary, Naramata Elementary, Kaleden Elementary, and the Summerland Foodbank and Resource Centre. Regular times are posted at each location. As well, some programs may be offered in the evening, including parent support groups and workshops.

Eligibility

The Okanagan Skaha Early Years Centre is offered within School District 67 communities and provides supports and resources to all families with young children living in these communities.

Contact

For more information about the **Okanagan Skaha Early Years Centre**, contact Penticton & District Community Resources Society at (250) 492-5814

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