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For the community
Of the community
Thanks to the community



35 years of growth, in a continuing effort to meet the needs of the community

We open and begin to manage Riverstones, an affordable housing development in Squamish (2010).

We start to help people who are homeless to access resources, funding and housing (2006).

We start to manage Castle Rock, subsidized family housing in Squamish (2008).

We begin to help adults with developmental disabilities to find a home within the community that meets their needs (2008).

Helping to house families and individuals

We open Newport House to provide residential care in Squamish for adults with developmental disabilities who need continuous care (1991).

1990s

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2010s

We begin our preschool and after-school programs in Pemberton (2010).

We set up preschools in three elementary schools in Squamish (2011).

We start to run the Seeds of Empathy program in our preschools to enhance children's empathy and early learning (2012).

We begin to offer physical and occupational therapy to children too young for school (2000), complementing work we'd been doing with school-aged children.

We open childcare centres in Pemberton (2000) and Squamish (2007).

We start a program of providing parents with childcare information and supporting childcare providers (2001).

Our preschools start using HighScope curriculum, proven to increase a child's development (2005).

We start to help families whose child is thought to have been exposed to alcohol in the womb (2006).

We start offering StrongStart playgroups (2007).

We begin out-of-school care programs at Squamish elementary schools (2008).

Providing children with the best start in life and care that enhances their development

We start an infant development program to support infants up to age three who are thought to have a developmental delay or disability (1991).

We begin a counselling service for children who are suspected of having been sexually abused (1992).

We start a parent-tot drop in program (1996).

We begin to offer daycare programs to help prepare children for kindergarten – Kid Kapers and Kinder Kapers (1999).

We start offering pregnant women education and support to keep themselves and their baby healthy (1998).

We begin to offer a preschool program for children with special needs (1982).

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We provide daycare (1992) so that teenage mothers can attend school.

We start helping teens with developmental disabilities to socialize and have fun (1994).

We begin managing the Squamish Youth Resource Centre (2001).

We start a program (2008) to help teenagers gain the skills needed in adulthood, such as budgeting and making community connections.

Giving young people skills and support

2000s

2010s

We hold our first Strengthening Families multi-week parenting workshops (2000).

We begin Mother Goose (2000), aimed at strengthening bonds between parents and their newborns and strengthening parenting skills.

We start a respite funding program so parents and caregivers can get a small break from caring for their child with special needs (2007).

We begin the Positive Action program in the north of the Corridor to improve family dynamics and encourage healthy behaviours (2010).

We start a Squamish program of family recreation and learning (2010).

Strengthening families and parenting skills

We begin to offer services to help families whose children are at risk of being or already have been removed from their family home (1980).

1980s

We start a program of one-on-one support (1987) that gives families help with budgeting, scheduling and coping.

We start offering Nobody's Perfect parenting classes (1998).

1990s

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2010s

We begin offering a range of mental health services (1991) – and do so until 2004.

We begin a counselling service for women in abusive relationships (1992).

We open a residential treatment program to support adults to recover from an addiction to alcohol or other drugs (2006).

We begin supporting a food program in Pemberton, which at the end of the decade we make into a food bank.

Helping adults through crises and everyday challenges

We begin a life skills program for adults with developmental disabilities (1987).

We begin offering employment programs (1988).

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Our first project is to publish a resource directory of the social services available in the community (1979).

1970s

1970s The beginning

Formed in 1978.

1980s Development

First staff, 1980. Office in Squamish.

1990s Growth, diversification

Offices in Whistler and Pemberton.

2000s Building on strengths

3rd party accreditation secured.

2010s Looking to the future

Work begins on our own building.