

Neighbourhood Learning Centres in British Columbia

Possible Program and Service Elements

Early Learning

To provide opportunities for children newborn to 5 to learn together with their parent or caregiver, in a play based environment.

Community Use of Schools

To use the school and other neighbourhood resources and facilities effectively for community programs suited to the unique and diverse needs of all members of the community.

After School and Summer Programs

To provide accessible programs to meet the physical, social, skill building, fine arts and child care needs of school age children and youth outside regular school hours.

Community and Continuing Education

To provide a variety of learning opportunities for adults that meet the needs of the community – including pre-literacy, high school completion, ELSA and special interest classes

Supporting School Goals and Enhancing Student Learning

To support and promote the school goals within the school and community and provide opportunities to broaden the existing school curriculum and social responsibility through greater involvement and use of community resources.

Community Connections and Engagements

To build a sense of belonging through strong relationships, engagement and communication within the school and surrounding community through community involvement in activities, services and issues. Through community involvement neighbours become creators and co-owners of the community.

Integrated Services with Agencies and Organizations

To support and facilitate collaboration with community agencies to create new possibilities in community.

Family Support

To provide and connect families with local community supports and services with the goal of continuing to build individual and community capacity.

Youth Connections

To provide informal and formal neighbourhood based programming and support for youth, which encourages youth involvement and leadership.