

Growing Together Gazette

DID YOU KNOW?

The Growing Together Project offers developmental check-ups for children ages 18 – 26 months in Red Deer, Olds and Rocky Mountain House.

The screening provides a quick overview of the skills a child has learned. Children that need a boost to help meet developmental milestones will be connected with Growing Together services



Growing Together
...learning through play

SOUNDS GREAT, HOW DO I REFER?

If you know a child who could benefit from Growing Together, talk to the family about the project and then contact us to make the referral.

We need the child's name, birth date, parent's name, address and phone number.

You can contact the Growing Together Intake Coordinator at:

Phone number: 1-403-506-9286

Fax number: 1-403-356-2054



INTERESTING STATS

1022 Screenings have been completed.

799-Red Deer

122-Rocky Mtn House

101-Olds

31% of Children were offered follow-up in communication, gross motor, fine motor or a combination of these.

214 Children have been assessed; almost **70%** of those children were assessed in less than 4 weeks.

82% of Children assessed have been recommended for treatment intervention.



Check out our Growing Together Video!!!

www.hutv.ca/programs.html

THE SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS ON OUR TEAM

Speech Language Pathologists (SLP) provide assessment, treatment and consultation for children with speech and language delays. We answer any questions parents may have regarding their child's language development. This includes the way children understand language, express themselves, and pronounce their words. Once a child is referred he/she attends an assessment with an SLP. The SLP discusses the child's development with the parent and watches for the way the child communicates and plays. After the assessment, children with a moderate to severe communication delay are offered a Hanen parent training program. These programs are designed to

development through daily routines and play. A child with more mild concerns is invited to attend a four-week program that combines parent training with a centre-based play group. In these play groups, parents get an opportunity to practice the strategies they have just learned. Following each of these groups, parents are invited to attend a re-assessment appointment to evaluate progress and determine if further intervention is necessary.

"I learned really great techniques"

Quote from one of our parents who attended our Growing Together group.



WOW, Our 1000th Developmental Screening!!!

On October 2008, we celebrated our 1000th developmental check-up. Joli Suntjens, Intake Worker for the Growing Together Project, presents a special gift to Amanda West and her son Drew.



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