

**SUNSHINE COAST INVENTORY OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
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PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR THE EARLY YEARS					
NAME OF PROGRAM/ SERVICE	LOCATION	ORGANIZATION/ PARTNERS	CONTACT	FEES	DESCRIPTION
StrongStart	Gibsons Elementary School, 886-2612 Sechelt Elementary School, 885-2114	School District No. 46	Kirsten Deasey Early Learning Teacher 604-740-7949 kdeasey@sd46.bc.ca http://www.sd46.bc.ca	Free	A free, drop-in program for children under five and their parent, grandparent, or caregiver. Qualified early childhood educators lead learning activities, including stories, music and art to help children get ready for success in kindergarten. Includes story times, play activities, and healthy lunch. Parents and caregivers discover new ways to support their children's learning at home, and make valuable connections
SPARK!	Variety of locations and times.	School District No. 46	Kirsten Deasey	Free	A research-based, practical program designed to help parents learn a variety of fun strategies and activities that they can do with their child to support their child's learning. Parents can attend a new 90 minute SPARK! Class every fall, winter and spring until their child enters kindergarten. An extra 30 minute class is also offered to parents who are attending their first SPARK! Session. Classes are based on the child's age so parents attend classes with other parents who have children the same age. Free childcare is offered during each SPARK! Class and babies up to one year old can attend class with their parents. Both parents are encouraged to

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					attend and parents with more than one preschool child may attend the age-level class for each child. The primary focus is to share powerful ways that parents can talk, sing, read and play with their children in order to foster essential pre-literacy. Parents can register anytime from September to June.
KinderSPARK!	A variety of schools on the Sunshine Coast.	School District No. 46	Kirsten Deasey	Free	Supports parents in preparing their child for school. Children will experience the school as a fun and exciting learning place when they visit the kindergarten room, library, computer lab, gym and playground. Includes singing rhymes and songs, storytelling, learning numbers, ABCs, colours, shapes and other activities to help children as they get ready for school. The program is also designed to provide the child's parents with support as they continue to prepare their child for kindergarten. Each week parents will learn and share activities to do at home that will help their child to practice the skills learned in the program. During the session parents work with staff to assess their child's skills and development.
Dolly Parton Imagination Library	N/A	School District No. 46	Kirsten Deasey	Free	Children under five years old receive one age-appropriate children's book every month free of charge in the mail.
LEAP	N/A	School District No. 46	Kirsten Deasey	Free	LEAP BC™ was developed by 2010 Legacies Now in partnership with the Province of BC and the University of Victoria. Provides children from birth to age

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					<p>five with a strong foundation in literacy, physical activity and healthy eating, through fun activities and play. This new program values the learning and bonding that happen when children and caregivers play together.</p> <p>LEAP BC™ offers free resources and training for families and early learning practitioners: Move with Me from Birth to Three Family Resource; Healthy Opportunities for Preschoolers Family Resource; and Healthy Opportunities for Preschoolers Early Learning Practitioners Resource</p>
Time for Tots	Sechelt	Sechelt Public Library	Bonny Creak Children's Librarian 885-3260 http://www.sechelt.bclibrary.ca/	Free	Rhymes, songs, bounces, and short stories for children under 36 months and their parent or caregiver.
Pre-School Story Time	Sechelt	Sechelt Public Library	Bonny Creak	Free	Stories, songs, games, rhymes and a simple craft all developed around a weekly theme. For children 3 to 5 years old and their parent or caregiver.
Pre-school literacy kits	Sechelt	Sechelt Public Library	Bonny Creak	Free	A circulating collection of books and related items for pre-schoolers and their parents.

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TumbleBook Library	Online	Sechelt Public Library Gibsons Public Library	Bonny Creak, Sechelt Public Library Marah Farmer, Gibsons Public Library	Free	Online animated talking picture books collection which teaches kids the joy of reading in a format they love.
Storytime	Gibsons	Gibsons Public Library	Marah Farmer, Children's Librarian 604-886-2130 http://gibsons.bclibrary.ca/	Free	For two to five year olds – stories, puppets, crafts and fun.
Goose & Gagle	Gibsons	Gibsons Public Library	Marah Farmer	Free	Songs and fun for babies.
Parent-Tot Drop-in	Gibsons Family Place, Roberts Creek Rainbow Preschool, St. Hilda's Church Sechelt, Community Services Sechelt, Halfmoon	Community Services	Hilary Griffiths Program Director 604-885-5881, ext. 225	Free	Morning program to give parents and caregivers of babies and pre-schoolers the chance to take a break with their youngsters and connect with other parents and Drop-In staff to share the challenges of raising children. Resources and referral on all aspects of child and family development are available.

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	Bay Community School, Pender Harbour Serendipity Child Development Centre See http://www.sccss.ca/earlychilddevelop.html				
Mother Goose	Sechelt	Community Services	Hilary Griffiths	Free	An interactive literacy program where parents and kids learn songs together to encourage language development, and just have fun
Bellies and Babies	Sechelt	Community Services	Kim Oka 604-885- 5881, ext. 22	Free	Client led program for pregnant women and new moms. A place where moms can meet other moms, and broaden their access to other community resources. Include hot lunch group, cooking and nutritional information for a healthy pregnancy, support for breastfeeding and baby's first foods, clothing swaps, resource sharing, and one to one support
Nobody's Perfect	Sechelt	Community Services	Hilary Griffiths	Free	A six week education program where parents of young children can get together to learn new skills, and discover that they're not alone when it comes to feeling nervous about being a parent.

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School Readiness	Gibsons	Gibsons Community School	Jason Scott, Coordinator	Free	Parents bring four year olds to prepare for school and learn what to expect when their children attend school.
Child Care Resource and Referral Program	Sechelt, 604-885-5657 Gibsons, 604-886-3103 Madeira Park, 604-883-2827		coastccrr@dcenet.com www.sunshinecoastfamilies.ca	\$25 members hip fee	Offers services to parents such as toy and resource lending library, child care referrals, child care subsidy information, pamphlets and other information to guide children through the process of selecting a child care provider, information on community resources for children and families. Offers support services for registered child care providers including child care referrals, seasonal newsletters, workshop/conference information, access to the lending library, assistance in developing policies and procedures and support visits.
Early Childhood Development Planning Table	Coast-wide	School District No. 46 Ministry of Children and Family Development Success by Six Community Services	Sarah Pond – http://ecdcoast.wordpress.com/2008/02/12/sunshine-coast-ecd-planning-table/		The Sunshine Coast ECD Planning Table exists to champion, develop and implement the community's ECD Strategic Plan. A group of professionals whose work in some way impacts families with children aged 0-6. Meets monthly.

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PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR SCHOOL-AGE					
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PALS – Parents as Literacy Supporters	Various	School District No. 46	Kirsten Deasey	Free	A culturally responsive family literacy program for parents/caregivers and their preschool and five year-old children.
K-PALS	Various	School District No. 46	Kirsten Deasey	Free	Peer-assisted literacy supports
Homework Club	Gibsons	Gibsons Community School	Jason Scott, Coordinator 604- 886-2633	Free	After school club for kids to help with homework.
Summer Reading Club	Sechelt Public Library Gibsons Public Library	Sechelt Public Library Gibsons Public Library	Bonny Creak Marah Farmer	Free	2008 theme is “Read All Over the Map.” Provincially funded program.
District Literacy Teacher	Coast-wide	School District No. 46	Bev Craig, bcraig@sd46.bc.ca		Supports literacy across the curriculum and encourages and supports teacher enquiry.

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PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR YOUTH					
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Teen Reading Club	Online	Sechelt Public Library			For teens interested in reading and connecting with other teens across the country. Teens chat online with favourite authors, read and submit book reviews, participate in discussion forums, and check out the list of recommended reads.
Youth in Transition to Adulthood	Community Services	Community Services	Steve Oka	885-5881, ext 229	For youth discharged from care to prepare them for life outside care and to make a smooth transition to adulthood. One to one counselling and group work to identify a mentor for ongoing support, receive life skills training, complete high school or GED, and more.
Sunshine Coast Alternative School	Gibsons Sechelt	School District No. 46	pbishop@sd46.bc.ca sthicke@sd46.bc.ca vwright@sd46.bc.ca	Free	Provides learner-centred programs that assist children and youth in developing the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to build a healthy community. We welcome individual differences within an atmosphere of mutual respect and co-operation." Ten self-contained programs located at different sites. These are district programs that take both school, and self or family referrals. Students are referred to district programs by schools when students' educational needs, emotional or behavioural difficulties prevent their home school from being able to provide

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					an educational program. Students may self-refer when his/her educational needs require alternative paths from the regular school environment.
Gibsons Alternate Program (GAP)	Sunshine Coast Alternative School	School District No. 46			A small, intensive school environment which integrates therapeutic intervention, social skills acquisition, conflict resolution and problem solving into every aspect of the educational program.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR ADULTS

NAME OF PROGRAM/ SERVICE	LOCATION	ORGANIZATION/ PARTNERS	CONTACT	FEES	DESCRIPTION
Community Access to Literacy and Learning (CALL)	Sechelt and various locations where tutors and students meet	CapilanoU and Sechelt Public Library	Carol Nielsen, Coordinator, Capilano U, 604-885-9310, cnielsen@capilano.ca	Free	A volunteer tutoring program offering one-to-one and small group instruction through the use of trained volunteer tutors. Funded by the Community Adult Literacy Program (CALP) of the Ministry of Advanced Education. Now in its eleventh year of operation in the community.
English as a Second Language Settlement Assistance	Sechelt and various locations where tutors	CapilanoU and Sechelt Public Library	Sandy Middleton, Coordinator, CapilanoU,	Free	Provides English language training to adult immigrant and refugee newcomers in rural communities throughout BC. It is delivered through the Community Adult Literacy

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Program	and students meet		604-885-9310, ext. 5928, smiddleton@literacy.bc.ca		<p>Program of the Ministry of Advanced Education with funding from the Ministry of the Attorney General and Citizenship and Immigration Canada.</p> <p>One-to-one and small group ESL instruction to recent immigrants and refugees. Instruction is provided by trained volunteer tutors in the community. The goals of the program are to assist immigrants and refugees to improve their English language skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing. The program is also designed to increase their knowledge of Canadian society and their ability to participate in the life of their communities.</p>
Parent Support Circles	Gibsons, Sechelt	Community Services, Parent Support Services Society of BC	604-885-5881, ext. 244	Free	<p>Help and encourage parents to learn positive parenting – learning to distinguish punishment from discipline, knowing that children’s right don’t undermine parental rights, valuing children for who they are instead of who we think they should be. Confidential self-help groups offering weekly, two hour meetings facilitated by trained volunteers. Participants can enter the group at any time, between-meeting support is offered by facilitators and co-participants the circles give parents a chance to share concerns, support each other, and learn parenting and life skills. They also connect participants with other services and resources in the community.</p>

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<p>Adult Basic Education – English, Math and Science</p>	<p>CapilanoU, 5627 Inlet, Sechelt</p>	<p>CapilanoU</p>	<p>John Field, ABE Department Head and Science Instructor, Cathy McLean, ABE English Instructor, Adrian Belshaw, ABE Math Instructor 604-885- 9310 jfield@capilano.ca cmaclean@capilano.ca abelshaw@capilano.ca</p>	<p>\$20 reg fee</p>	<p>Self-paced credit program from fundamental to provincial levels. Small classes, one-to-one support in English, math and science.</p>
<p>Lighthouse Learning Network Essential Skills Project</p>	<p>Variety of locations throughout the Coast</p>	<p>Lighthouse Learning Network with partners CapilanoU, Community Futures</p>	<p>Heather Gordon, Project Manager</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p>A project funded by the Office of Literacy and Essential Skills. Delivers essential skills training to immigrants, youth and low-skilled workers in the community.</p>

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Elder College	Sechelt	CapilanoU	604-885-9310	Free	For people 55 and over. Provides a forum for sharing ideas, knowledge and experience. Fosters a friendly environment where it's easy to make new friends and learn for the sheer enjoyment of it. Each term offers an eclectic mix of courses.