



Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board

Media Release

Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board Finalizes 5-year Children's Services Plan

Fort Frances, Ontario – 2014/05/16 - 8:30 am In September of 2013, the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB) retained OrgCode Consulting Inc. to assist with the development of a 5-Year Children's Services Plan for the Rainy River District. The Plan is instrumental in facilitating the direction of \$1.3 Million in new 100% Provincial funding, received from the Government of Ontario. The completed Plan was approved by the RRDSSAB Board of Directors in February of 2014 with a 2-year implementation plan.

"The Children's Services Plan reflects the needs of the Rainy River District for the future," noted Ross Donaldson, Board Chair, "the Board recognizes that Children's Services has been significantly under-funded in prior years with little opportunity for the Board to make improvements within its fiscal constraints. This Plan provides us with what we need to continue to develop a strong system of high quality child care and early years programs across the district."

The Rainy River District 5-Year Children's Services Plan and 2-Year implementation strategy provide a clear direction for Children's Services across the Rainy River District. Key aspects of the Plan include, promoting affordability, fostering accessibility, enhancing data collection, strengthening partnerships, supporting children's service staff professional development, and promoting community awareness of the core elements of high quality child care.

"It's a tremendous opportunity to further develop Children's Services across the Rainy River District", stated Tanis Fretter, Integrated Services Manager (Children's Services Lead). "The RRDSSAB will be working collaboratively with our partners to implement and enhance programs and services that benefit the youngest members of our communities. This Plan provides direction to help us continue to create conditions where children can grow and flourish."

The RRDSSAB will be sharing the plan with our community partners and providing opportunities to move forward with the 2-year implementation plan.

The RRDSSAB 5-Year Children's Services Plan is available on the RRDSSAB website under the media tab at www.rrdssab.on.ca.

We thank you for your continued efforts to ensure newsworthy events are communicated to the residents and visitors of the Rainy River District. For more information on the 5-Year Children's Services Plan for the Rainy River District, please contact:

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