

## Background

The idea to create a partnership between early learning and care services began with discussions between members of the Interagency Head Start Network (IHSN) and the City Centre Education Project (CCEP), as they explored the question, “How can we use our strengths to meet the needs of more children and families?”

A meeting in December 2006 hosted by IHSN and CCEP, brought together agencies, funders and key stakeholders working with children and families. As a result, it was determined that there was a desire to develop stronger connections among the early childhood service sector. A committee was formed to look at potential ways to maximize available resources for children and families and better align early childhood services in Edmonton.



## Aligning Early Learning and Care Services



To date, the following organizations have engaged in the AELCS:

- ABC Head Start
- Alberta Education
- Alberta Health Services - Edmonton Zone
- Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society
- City of Edmonton
- Community Options
- Community-University Partnership, University of Alberta
- E4C
- Early Childhood Development Support Services
- KARA Family Resource Centre
- Edmonton and Area Child and Family Services, Region 6
- Edmonton Catholic School District
- Edmonton Public School Board
- Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital
- GRIT – Getting Ready for Inclusion Today
- Interagency Head Start Network
- MacEwan Early Learning & Child Care Program
- Multicultural Health Brokers Cooperative
- Muttart Foundation
- Norwood Child and Family Resource Centre
- Oliver Centre - Early Learning Programs for Children & Families
- Success By 6®
- YMCA of Edmonton

## Early Years Continuum Project

On behalf of the early childhood sector, Success By 6® received grant funding from the Early Learning Branch of Alberta Education for the Early Years Continuum Project. The three year project will work with rural and urban locations in Edmonton and Northern Alberta to identify and strengthen early learning and care continuums for families with young children. The selected sites will offer a variety of human services designed to meet the needs of each unique community.

Project deliverables include:

- A literature review of models of early learning and care in Canada and internationally.
- An evaluation of the project's process and outcomes.
- A communication plan.

The findings from the project may inform future recommendations for the development of an early learning and care framework for Alberta.





## Mission

This initiative commits to working cooperatively with community partners to ensure that quality early childhood services are coordinated to support parents and to working together to enrich children's lives, and help them attain their full potential.



## Values and Beliefs

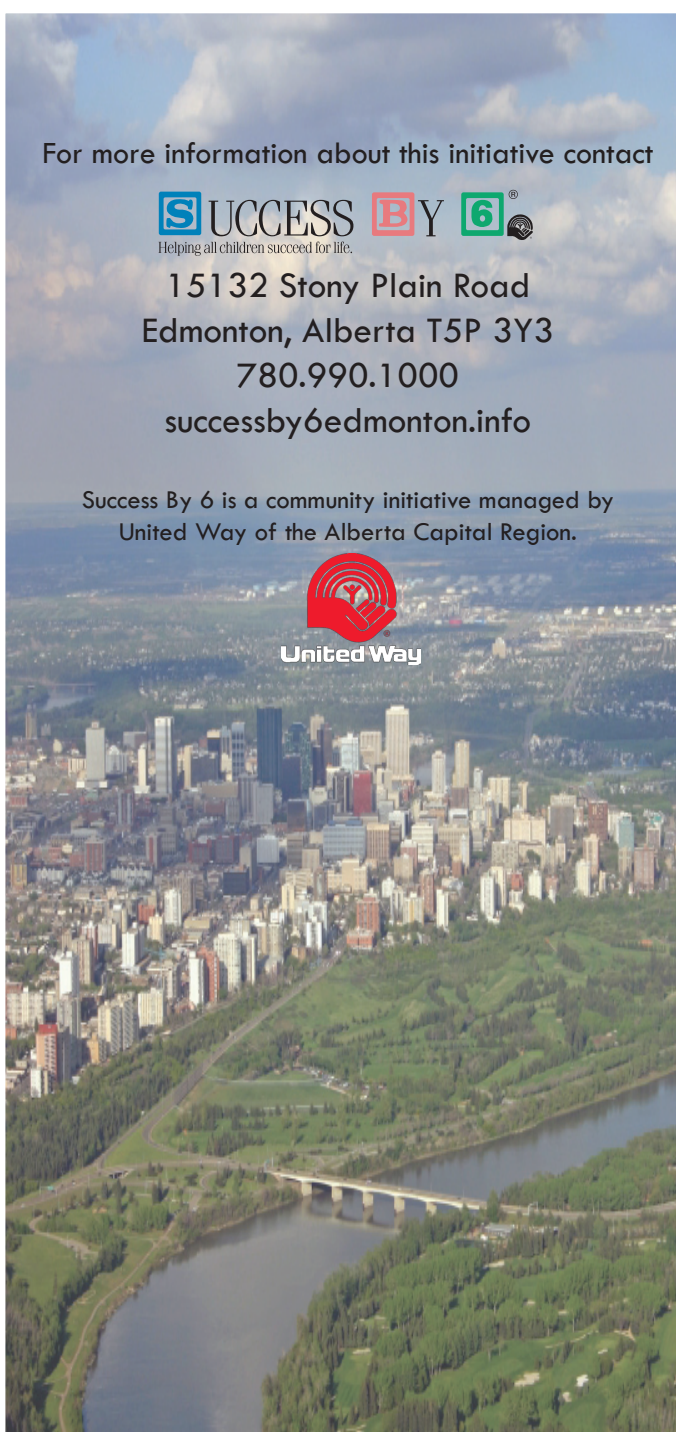
- Focus on the whole child, family, and community
- Embrace and respect diversity
- Work toward a strength based perspective
- Available and accessible high quality programming for all children is essential
- Services need to be informed and delivered based on the needs of those being served (informed choices for parents)
- Building on the experience and expertise of existing programs and services for children and families
- Partnership and engagement of key stakeholders is essential
- Relationships are key
- Respect for each members' contribution
- Respect for each agency and program, and information shared
- Information is used for the benefit, not harm of any partner

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## ALIGNING EARLY LEARNING AND CARE SERVICES IN EDMONTON



## VISION

Working collectively to  
create an environment that  
supports the best possible  
conditions to promote  
optimal development for  
all children.

