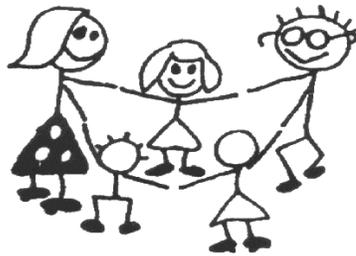


Annual Report
Semiahmoo Family Place
October 2015 through October 2016

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FAMILY PLACE



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History and Mandate

Semiahmoo Family Place is a non-profit, family resource centre that has served the South Surrey/White Rock area for over 20 years. We offer a safe, fun and healthy environment for families with young children to play together while their parents/caregivers have the opportunity to network, support, and learn from each other. Our focus is to “*Connect Families through Play*”. Our longevity and success has been due to a very committed membership and extensive community support, where most programming and organizational development was done on volunteer energy with very minimal financial resources.

In a society that values its economy over culture, the building of strong adult/child attachments often gets lost in the shuffle. Semiahmoo Family Place aims to foster the healthy development of children *within the context of the family*. Family resource programs focus on the family need for support across the life span, and on providing assistance to children, parents, grandparents and other caregivers.

Executive Director’s Report

Programming

As a member of the Canadian and British Columbian Associations of Family Resource Programs, SFP believes in the five core principles of practice; Family Support, Play Based Learning, Early Learning and Literacy, Parent Education and Learning, and Information and Referral.

The playtime drop in continues to be popular with families with young children in the community. Parents and caregivers enjoy semi-structured playtime with their children, special events, coffee/tea and circle times.

SFP is continuing to run the Breakfast Program, which is renamed the Healthy Family Program. SFP had a Family Yoga session. A registered children's yoga instructor conducted the class in the gym. This will benefit the family as a whole for opportunities for mindfulness, music and movement. Family yoga is a great way to increase attachment and help with self-regulation. The Family Yoga program will be done 4 times a year, every 3 months, (pending on funds). In addition families requested for another day for gym time. Every other Mondays have been added to the calendar.

The Mental Health Program is renamed to the Community Outreach Program. This program will focus on the family as a whole, where they can attend community events. This program will support working families and they can attend Saturdays.

Grants and Fundraising

Semiahmoo Family Place has been supported by a number of grants and fundraising endeavours. We have received funding from the Ministry of Children and Families and the BC Community Gaming Grants. Other contributors to our drop in program included: the Soroptomists International of White Rock, United Way (Success by 6). Thank you also to Choices Market (White Rock) to their contributions from the Holiday Star Campaign, Hamper Programs, and Summer BBQ.

KP Partnerships

Semiahmoo Family Place participated in this year's first event with Kenisinton Praire, "Family Dance Party."

SFP participated in the Surrey Doors Open event, in honor of Kensington Praire's Heritage Status.

SFP celebrated another year at the Fall Fair.

Tannis, the Early Years Coordinator includes our hours of operation on the calendar which is shared throughout White Rock and South Surrey.

Committees and Agency Connections

Semiahmoo Family Place continues to work in partnership with city-wide and local organizations and agencies through the White Rock/South Surrey Early Childhood Development Committee, Make Children First Committee, Kensington Prairie Community Partnership Committee, and the local Family Resource Program Network. Organizations collaborating in these committees include Child Care Options Resource and Referral, City of Surrey, Alexandra Neighbourhood House, Ministry of Child and Family Development, and Sources Community Resource Centre.

Monthly visits from the Semiahmoo Library and Child Care Options Resource and Referral have been a great resource to families.

Board of Directors

Thank you to Wendy, Kristine, Donna, and Alyssa who have committed to another year. Thank you for your time and energy. We welcome Michelle Fraser and Leah Burns. Also a sincere thank you to James Mackie, our "volunteer" accountant who has helped us for over 14 years.

Thank again to the families, staff, funders, and volunteers that support Semiahmoo Family Place!

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Legazpi, Executive Director