

Early Years Parent Survey May 2006

1. What do you like about raising your kids in Terrace and area?

Feeling safe	√ √ √ √ √
Community minded town	√ √ √
Access to outdoors	√ √ √ √ √ √ √ √
Walking distance to everything	√ √ √ √ √
Lots of things to do	√ √ √ √ √ √ √
Know lots of people	√ √ √ √
Free programs	√

- I feel safe because I grew up here and I know everyone.
- Community minded
- Safe
- Not a big city, very outdoors oriented
- Access to outdoors, smaller city
- Small community, familiar faces, trails and outdoors
- Small area where I can see where my kids are
- Lots of resources for families
- Close relationships, close distances, lots of things to do
- Small town, know lots of people, families are here
- Lots of things to do
- Many parks and not a lot of crime
- Fishing and outdoor activities
- Fun programs eg. Kermode's luncheons and kids fair like this one
- Being close to nature – trails to hike, mountains to climb, etc.
- Lots of great family recreation, outdoor activities that are free. Lots of trails, great Library, grandparents and aunts
- Quiet good community
- All the resources that are available
- I enjoy the Terrace Public library, The Family Place, Kermode Friendship Society, the programs they offer
- Lots of family stuff to do
- Community; outdoors; size
- Everything is walking distance
- Swimming, schools and parks

2. What programs do you attend?

Library programs	√ √ √ √ √ √ √
Kermode Friendship Society (ECD)	√ √ √ √ √ √
BHB/BB/Dad's Group at Park Centre	√ √ √ √
Mother Goose	√ √
None (nothing available evenings or weekends)	√ √
Sports	√ √ √ √ √ √ √
Music	√ √

- Building Healthier Babies/Building Blocks ..
- Kermode Pregnancy Outreach and all other programs (ECD-CAP-C they facilitate
- None as full time parents – not a lot is offered on weekends or early evenings
- None ..
- Tickles and Bounces
- Family events
- Library programs
- Children's events hosted by various groups (schools, Family Place)
- Taekwondo
- Swimming ...
- Gymnastics ..
- Piano
- Soccer
- Mother Goose ... (awesome program)
- Health Unit
- Best for Babies
- Nobody's Perfect
- Dad's Time at Park Centre ..
- Dig-in
- Preschool
- Get Set
- Ready Set Learn
- Violin
- Drop-in programs at Thornhill and the Family Place

3. What do you find challenging about being a parent?

No weekend or evening programs	√ √ √
Finding daycare	√ √ √
Balancing work and home	√ √ √
Knowing if I'm doing the "right" thing	√ √ √ √ √
Time management	√ √ √ √

- Everyday
- No programs on weekends
- Time management
- Finding things for 2-4 year olds, very little programs on the weekends
- Finding time for everything, prioritizing
- Always learning, once you get it they move on
- Working and being able to do extra activities/sports with the children
- Sometimes daycare
- Balancing time for family and work
- Trying not to feel guilty making mistakes; knowing what the right thing to do is
- Not knowing lots of things, making sure I'm doing things right
- Worried about doing things the "wrong" way
- Not a lot of time in the day, there is not enough activities
- Remaining patient
- Tantrums
- Feeling alone, not having any freedom/time to myself
- Getting organized, free time for myself; juggling work and home
- Sleep
- Keeping up with my child's social and emotional needs
- Lots!!
- Childcare for my son during evening programs
- Everything
- Everything and nothing; something new each day
- Having them to do chores and homework

4. Where do you get information about parenting and programs from?

Media/Posters/Ads	√ √ √ √ √ √ √ √
CDC/Park Centre - BHB/BB	√ √ √ √ √ √ √ √
Health Unit	√ √ √ √ √ √ √
Family/Friends	√ √ √ √ √ √ √
Internet	√ √ √ √
The Family Place	√ √ √ √
Library	√ √ √
Skeena Family Resources	√ √
Recreation Guide	√ √

- BHB/Building Blocks ..
- Trial by error
- Skeena Family Resources ..
- School
- Other families/parents ...
- Health Unit
- Terrace Activities Catalog/Rec Guide ..
- Internet
- Family Place
- Park Centre ..
- CDC ...
- Youth Mental Health
- Anywhere
- Library ...
- Pamphlets
- Nurses
- Newspaper
- Posters ...
- Friends
- TV
- Here
- Newsletters
- Word of mouth
- Kermode – CAP-C/ Early Learning Canada
- Advertisement