



MAKE CHILDREN FIRST FAMILY SURVEY 2009

For parents/guardians of children ages 0-6

Your responses will help us to identify what parents of young children deal with on a daily basis. All responses are confidential and anonymous. Please feel free to skip any questions you do not feel comfortable answering. If you have already completed this survey, please discard or pass on to a friend.

I. NEIGHBOURHOOD

- What is your postal code? V8G _____
- How long have you lived in your current neighbourhood? _____
- Do you feel that your neighbourhood is safe for children (both during the day and at night)?

Explain why or why not: _____

- What programs/activities/events/places do you attend or access in your neighbourhood?

Ex. Playgrounds, pre-school, mom's group, etc. _____

- What do you like most about living in Terrace (and area)? _____

II. PARENT & FAMILY INFO

- You are the child's: Mom Dad Other _____
- What is your marital status? (ie. Single, married, divorced) _____
- How many people are in your household? _____
- What are the ages of children living in your household? _____
- What is the main language spoken at home? _____
- What is your cultural background? (ex. *Aboriginal, European, Canadian, etc.*) _____

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III. ACCESS TO CHILDCARE

- What kind of childcare do you use **most often**?

family/friend/neighbour nanny
 licensed family childcare licensed group care licensed care in a preschool

- On average, how many **hours a week** is your child in childcare?

none, parent is caregiver less than 20 hours
 20-40 hours more than 40 hours

- Please **rate how important each factor is** to you when choosing childcare.

1-not important 2-somewhat important 3-quite important 4-very important

Location:	1	2	3	4	Availability:	1	2	3	4
Cost:	1	2	3	4	Knowing other families there:	1	2	3	4
Caregiver reputation:	1	2	3	4	Friend/family recommends:	1	2	3	4
Quality of program/care:	1	2	3	4	Other: _____	1	2	3	4
Hours of operation:	1	2	3	4					

- Have you found childcare that meets all of your needs?

Yes/no and why: _____

- Have you experienced any barriers to accessing childcare? Were you able to overcome them? If so, how?

- Additional comments: _____

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IV. ACCESS TO COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, FREE AND FEE-BASED

• Do you feel that you know about the programs offered in Terrace and Area? _____

• In the last 12 months, have you/your family attended/participated in:

- recreation programs (ex. Swimming lessons)* _____
- organized sports (ex. Hockey)* _____
- literacy programs (ex. Library groups)* _____
- parenting workshops* _____
- Early Years Family Fair* _____
- cooking classes with your child* _____
- community garden* _____
- other:* _____

• Which was your favourite program to attend and why? _____

• Were there any programs that did not suit your family and why? _____

• Which programs are you considering accessing in the future? _____

• Additional comments: _____

V. HEALTH

• Does your family have a regular:

- Doctor Dentist Eye Doctor

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- How would you rate your family's overall health?
 excellent good satisfactory poor

Comments: _____

- What health services have you/your family accessed in the last 12 months?

Ex. Dentist, doctor, public health, audiology etc. _____

- Have you had any barriers to accessing healthcare? Were you able to overcome them?

If so, how? _____

VI. EMPLOYMENT

- What is your highest level of education? _____
- Are you: Employed Unemployed On Leave

If you are employed, do you feel you work in a family friendly environment? Why or why not?

- What is your average annual household income before taxes?
 less than \$20,000 \$20,000-\$40,000 \$40,000-\$60,000
 \$60,000-\$80,000 \$80,000-\$100,000 more than \$100,000

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- Do you feel you can always afford:

- Food Shelter Supplies for your children Clothing
- Activities for family members (sports, music etc.)

- Additional comments: _____

VII. BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS

- What do you, as a parent, struggle with? _____

- Are there any barriers that have prevented you from accessing services in Terrace?
Ex. Transportation, racism, location, etc. _____

- Where do you think services in Terrace are lacking in meeting the needs of parents with young children?
Ex. Age-appropriateness, frequency, amount of spots available in each program etc. _____

- What would be the ideal program in Terrace for families of young children? _____

- What ideas do you have, or what improvements would you like to see to services in Terrace? _____

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