

2002 Children First Report Card



Acknowledgments

The Research Sub-Committee of the Mayor and Council's Children First Roundtable is pleased to submit the Children First Report Card on the status of children in the City of Greater Sudbury. This report card is the product of collaborative efforts between the members of child welfare agencies, community members, private researchers and City staff. We hope that it will be a reference document and a helpful tool in tracking the City's progress towards maintaining and improving the welfare of children as stated in the Children First Charter.

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Message from the Mayor

It's my pleasure as Mayor and on behalf of City Council to congratulate the co-chairs and members of the Children First Roundtable, as well as the Research Sub-committee of the Roundtable, on the publication of this *Children First Report Card*.

Reviewing the document, I recall the goal I set two years ago for the Children First Roundtable. To me it seemed clear that we had to assemble a group of citizens with expertise on children to advise Council and help us set policy on children's issues.

In my inaugural speech of December 2000, I made a commitment to do just that.

I knew exactly who should lead this group. Deputy Mayor Louise Portelance has consistently championed children's issues in Council, and Janet Gasparini has done the same in the community. Together, this dynamic team would direct a team of parents and other experts in making sure we put children first in this community.

In less than two years, the Children First Roundtable has accomplished so much!

This publication by Research Sub-committee Chair Harsh Nath and members of the sub-committee is a key part of that accomplishment. The sub-committee, which includes members not on the Roundtable itself, has worked very hard to complete the Report Card. First, they identified all the research on children and families related to this community, a monumental task in itself. Then, using the *Children First Charter* created by the Policy Committee of the Roundtable, they organized the research data around each benchmark.

This work makes it easier for us to assess our current status in making Greater Sudbury a child-friendly community. And it offers a means of charting our progress into the future; a way we can hold ourselves accountable to the children and families of our community.

On behalf of Council, sincere congratulations to everyone who has contributed to the development of the *Children First Report Card*.


Jim Gordon, Mayor



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Message from the Children First Roundtable Co-chairs

On behalf of the members of the Children First Roundtable we are very proud to be presenting the Children First Report Card for the City of Greater Sudbury. This report is the latest accomplishment of the talented, committed group of volunteers who make up the Children First Roundtable and its committees.

Since the Children First Roundtable's inception, its members have worked hard to accomplish many of our goals. Two of the most significant accomplishments have been:

- The development of the Children First Charter, endorsed by Greater Sudbury City Council in June 2002: a community document which clearly outlines a vision for children in the City of Greater Sudbury, which will ensure healthy development and bright futures for all of our children. The Roundtable is bringing this document to groups throughout the community for endorsement as a basis for all work done on behalf of children.
- The implementation of the Children First Public Recognition Program: a program which gives citizens the opportunity to nominate individuals who work hard to put children first in Greater Sudbury for public recognition. To date, close to forty individuals have received recognition by letter and ten individuals have received special recognition in public ceremonies. All nominees were recognized last year at the First Annual Butterfly Brunch.

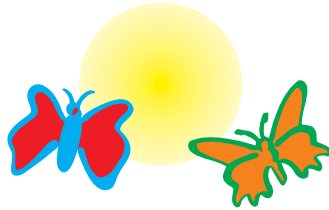
With the publication of the Children First Report Card, we have accomplished another of our goals. Researchers and service providers from across the City have collaborated, through the Roundtable's Research Sub-Committee, to identify and collect data that will allow us to measure the progress of the children of the City of Greater Sudbury. As data is collected in the years to come, researchers and citizens will be able to track our progress as a community in meeting the needs of our children.

The Research Sub-Committee's decision to organize the data around the goals set out in the Children First Charter will help to make the data even more relevant as our community rallies around the Children First Charter and continues to make a concerted and sustained effort to improve the lives of children and bring us closer to meeting the important goals outlined in the Charter.

We hope that community members will find the Children First Report Card a useful document and that they will be inspired to take action on behalf of our children so that, as we continue to monitor the progress of our community in future reports, we can ensure that we will measure concrete and positive change for all of our community's children.

Deputy Mayor Louise Portelance
Co-chair, Mayor and Council's
Children First Roundtable

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Co-chair, Mayor and Council's Children First Roundtable



Children First

Children First Charter of the City of Greater Sudbury

GIVEN THAT a thriving community invests its hopes in the future of its children;

AND THAT all children deserve to live in a family and community that believes that the welfare of children is of primary importance;

AND THAT all children deserve the assurance of their inherent goodness;

WE, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL'S CHILDREN FIRST ROUNDTABLE IN THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY RECOMMEND THAT WE, AS A WHOLE COMMUNITY INCLUDING THE PUBLIC, PRIVATE AND NON PROFIT SECTORS, WORK DILIGENTLY AND TOGETHER SO THAT ALL CHILDREN HAVE:

A SENSE OF BELONGING TO A RESPECTFUL AND DIVERSE COMMUNITY THAT:

- preserves and celebrates the child's ethnic, cultural, spiritual and/or religious identity
- protects the child from racism and any form of discrimination including discrimination based on their age

A QUALITY OF LIFE WHICH INCLUDES ACCESS TO:

- safe housing
- nutritious food
- recreation and leisure activities
- health care

SUPPORTIVE AND CARING ENVIRONMENTS THAT INCLUDE:

- family time
- early childhood development activities and parenting supports
- quality childcare
- an educational system that ensures each child attains her or his full potential

SAFE, PROTECTIVE ENVIRONMENTS THAT:

- promote a child's cognitive, physical, social, spiritual and emotional well being
- provide protection from abuse, mistreatment, injury and disease

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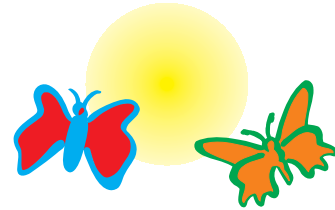
- understand their responsibility towards children
- invite the opportunity for children to have influence on the future
- take action in order to create a sustainable future

AND THAT

These assurances will follow children as they progress through life's stages into adulthood.

**DATED in Sudbury, Ontario,
this 10th day of October, 2002.**

**DATÉ à Sudbury (Ontario)
en ce 10^e jour d'octobre 2002.**



Les enfants avant tout

Charte des enfants « Les enfants avant tout » de la Ville du Grand Sudbury

ATTENDU QUE une communauté florissante fonde ses espoirs sur l'avenir de ses enfants;

ATTENDU QUE tous les enfants ont le droit de vivre dans une famille et dans une communauté pour lesquelles le bien-être des enfants a une importance primordiale;

ATTENDU QUE tous les enfants méritent d'avoir l'assurance de leur bonté inhérente;

NOUS, LES MEMBRES DE LA TABLE RONDE DU MAIRE ET DU CONSEIL « LES ENFANTS AVANT TOUT » DE LA VILLE DU GRAND SUDBURY, RECOMMANDONS QUE NOTRE COMMUNAUTÉ ENTIÈRE, COMPRENANT LES SECTEURS PUBLIC, PRIVÉ ET LES ORGANISMES À BUT NON LUCRATIF, COLLABORE ASSIDÛMENT POUR QUE LES ENFANTS AIENT :

UN SENTIMENT D'APPARTENANCE À UNE COMMUNAUTÉ RESPECTUEUSE ET DIVERSE QUI :

- protège l'enfant et met en valeur son identité ethnique, culturelle, spirituelle et religieuse
- protège l'enfant contre le racisme et toute forme de discrimination, y compris la discrimination fondée sur l'âge

UNE QUALITÉ DE VIE OBTENUE GRÂCE À :

- un logement sécuritaire
- des aliments nutritifs
- des loisirs et des activités récréatives
- des soins de santé

DES MILIEUX POSITIFS ET EMPATHIQUES DANS LESQUELS IL Y A :

- du temps passé en famille
- des activités pour le développement de la petite enfance et un soutien pour les parents
- des services de garde d'enfants de qualité
- un système éducatif qui permet à chaque enfant de s'épanouir pleinement

DES MILIEUX SÉCURITAIRES QUI PROTÈGENT L'ENFANT ET QUI :

- favorisent son mieux-être cognitif, physique, social, spirituel et émotionnel
- le mettent à l'abri de la violence, des mauvais traitements, des blessures et des maladies

DES GOUVERNEMENTS BIEN INFORMÉS ET RÉCEPTIFS QUI :

- comprennent leurs responsabilités à l'égard des enfants
- sont ouverts aux possibilités permettant aux enfants d'influer sur l'avenir
- prennent des mesures pour créer un avenir viable

ET QUE

Les enfants auront cette assurance tout au long de leur croissance vers l'âge adulte.


Jim Gordon, Mayor/Maire



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Introduction

In June 2000 the Children's Forum brought together over 150 committed community people who moved beyond philosophizing and identified tangible directions that could be taken to make our community more child-friendly. The Mayor and Council's Children First Roundtable is a direct spinoff from the Action Plan created at that forum.

The Mayor and Council's Children First Roundtable is a committed partnership of elected representatives, local experts, businesses and citizens working together to build a sense of civic responsibility to improve the quality of life for Greater Sudbury's children. It was created to bring together community members with knowledge, skills, insights and experience in the issues impacting children. The Roundtable advises the Mayor and Council on children's issues and promotes community initiatives and actions which put children first.

The Roundtable identified several priority areas from the Children's Forum Action Plan, including policy development, public education, public recognition of success and research. The focus of the Research Sub-Committee was research related to children's issues in our community. This sub-committee was charged with working to meet one of the Roundtable's key goals:

To ensure that a set of indicators to determine our community's progress is developed and to engage local researchers in the development of an annual Report Card on Children that tracks successes and progress.

With the publication of the Children First Report Card, this goal is closer to being achieved.

This report provides a snapshot of how Greater Sudbury's children are doing at this time. As data is collected and updated in the years to come, we will have a base of information which will allow for appropriate comparisons that will demonstrate the ongoing progress of Sudbury's children.

The development and publication of the Children First Charter of the City of Greater Sudbury in 2002, provided an excellent framework for a report card on our children's progress.

The indicators presented in this report bring together data from many sources, organized around the goals set out in the Children First Charter. Each indicator tells a story of how well our children are doing, where we are doing well and where we have room to improve.

The Children First Report Card is setting benchmarks and is intended to fulfill several functions:

- to be a reference document on the welfare of children in the City of Greater Sudbury;
- to measure progress in improving the status of children as stated in the Children First Charter;
- to help raise public awareness and understanding of the needs of children;
- to serve as a planning tool for service providers and elected officials so that they can make decisions about the allocation of resources;
- to act as a stimulus for political and community action to improve the situation of children.

As the years go by and the report card is updated, the story of our children's progress will be told. The efforts of governments, community agencies, families and individuals will be reflected in the results.

The Children First Roundtable invites all citizens of Greater Sudbury to read and use the data to learn how children in our community are faring, to measure our progress in meeting the goals set out by the Children First Charter, to learn where efforts need to be made and to find out how they can help.



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A sense of belonging to a respectful and diverse community that: preserves and celebrates the child's ethnic, cultural, spiritual and/ or religious identity; and protects the child from racism and any form of discrimination including discrimination based on their age

Cultural Organizations in Sudbury

- Arabic Club of Northern Ontario
- Black Arrow Domino Club
- Canadian Polish Congress
- Caruso Club
- Chinese Heritage Association of Northern Ontario
- Chinese Community Centre of Sudbury
- Club Portuges De Sudbury
- Congress of Black Women of Canada
- Croatian Kolo and Tamburica of Sudbury
- Croatian Committee of Sudbury
- Filipino Canadian Association
- Finnish Language School Fund
- Fogolar Furlan
- Global Women Committee
- Hellenic Ladies Society
- Hispanic American Association
- Hungarian Society of Sudbury Inc. (Heritage School)
- Hungarian Cultural Society
- India-Canada Association of Sudbury
- Irish Heritage
- Islamic Association of Sudbury
- Latvian Society
- Montessori Choir
- Pakistan Cultural Society
- Polish Club of Sudbury
- Polish Congress (Canadian)
- Polish Combatants Association Branch 24
- Polish Alliance Branch 13
- Serbian Club
- Serbian Sisters
- Shar Hashomayin Congregation (Jewish)
- Sudbury Bosnia Herzegovina Association
- Sudbury Arts Council
- Turkish Canadian Friendship Association
- Ukrainian Natural Federation
- Vedic Sanskriti Samiti

Source: Sudbury Multicultural Association, 2002

Ethnicity by Mother Tongue

Mother Tongue	1996	2001
English	100,435	95,650
French	46,170	43,345
Italian	3,860	3,270
Finnish	2,215	2,125
German	1,225	1,000
Ukrainian	1,135	1,065
Polish	845	705
Croatian	470	320
Chinese	440	340
Spanish	330	270
Ojibway	320	N/A
Serbian	255	75
Other Languages	2,350	2,190
Multiple Languages	3,675	2,760

Source: **Statistics Canada**; 1996 and 2001 Census of Canada. The population profiles for the City of Greater Sudbury combine census data from the Sudbury CMA, the Capreol Census Subdivision, and the Enumeration Areas of Sudbury Unorganized North Part which encompass the unincorporated townships now part of the City of Greater Sudbury.

City of Greater Sudbury Population by Age Cohort and Sex, 2001 Census

Age Group	Male	Female	Total	% Total
0-4	4,185	3,945	8,130	5.24
5-9	5,055	4,855	9,910	6.38
10-14	5,170	5,165	10,335	6.66
15-19	5,485	5,380	10,865	7.00

Source: **Statistics Canada**; 1996, 2001 Census of Canada. 1996 data adjusted to represent the City of Greater Sudbury.

Social and Economic Inclusion Initiative

Social Inclusion is not something you do to someone or for someone, but it is something we do with each other.

The Social Inclusion project, sponsored by Social Planning Council, has a main goal to "Increase the understanding of, appreciation, and respect for diversity in Sudbury out of a shared commitment to the future well-being of all Sudbury's children."

Diversity refers to ways in which people are different from each other due to looks, behaviour or lifestyle. It reflects an anti-bias approach that includes the following areas of diversity where bias may exist: ability, culture, belief systems, socioeconomic status, sexuality, age, appearance, family composition, gender, and race.

The two main objectives of the project are:

- to engage children and their families from diverse groups to develop strategies and resources that promote the social inclusion of children;
- to engage decision-makers and other influential sectors in adopting these social inclusion strategies.

Source: Social Planning Council, 2002



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A quality of life which includes access to:
safe housing

Average Apartment Rents

Rents (\$)	Bachelor	1 Bdrm	2Bdrm	3+ Bdrm
2000	375	502	619	684
2001	387	500	620	693
2002	387	513	647	719

Source: CMHC; Rental Market Report, 2002

Ontario Works Shelter Allowances

Family Size	Maximum Shelter Allowance*
1	\$325
2	\$511
3	\$554
4	\$602
5	\$649
6+	\$673

*Shelter costs include: rent; loan and mortgage payments (principle and interest); agreement for sale; taxes; insurance premiums for the dwelling and contents; maintenance fees for a condominium or co-operative housing unit; utilities; water and sewage; and payments for home repairs approved by the Administrator if shelter costs are below the maximum shelter amount.

Source: Ontario Works, City of Greater Sudbury Social Services Division, 2002

Greater Sudbury Median Family Income 2000

Total:	\$54,400
Husband and Wife:	\$61,300
Lone Parent:	\$23,100

Source: Statistics Canada, The Daily July 18, 2002

Low Income Cut-Offs (LICOs) for Economic Families, 2000

Family Size	LICO (Area of Residence 100,000 to 499,000)
3	\$24,497
4	\$29,653
5	\$33,148
6	\$36,642
7+	\$40,137

Source: Statistics Canada

Average Household Expenditures 2000

Food	\$6,776
Shelter	\$8,835
Clothing	\$2,518
Transportation	\$5,836
Health & Personal Care	\$2,659
Recreation, Reading & Education	\$3,078
Taxes & Securities	\$13,033
Other	<u>\$8,728</u>
Total	\$51,463

Expenditures are averages for all households combined. The average household size in Greater Sudbury is 2.6 persons (1996 Census).

Source: Financial Post Canadian Demographics 2000, estimates for Sudbury CMA

Social Housing Family Units

2 Bedroom =	497 units
3 bedroom =	427 units
4 Bedroom =	96 units

Source: City of Greater Sudbury Housing Corporation, 2002

Proportions (%) of Households and Individuals Living in Households where Family Incomes are Below the 1995 Low Income Cut-Off (LICO)

Census Divisions and Subdivisions	% Households	% Individuals
Capreol	13.3	15.4
Nickel Centre	10.8	12.3
Onaping Falls	9.8	10.2
Rayside-Balfour	17.8	18.8
Sudbury	17.0	21.2
Valley East	9.7	11.1
Walden	3.8	4.1

Source: 1996 Census Canada, Sudbury and District Health Unit Area Demographic Profiles

Number and Percent of High-Risk and Absolutely Homeless Population in Sudbury by Age Group

Age Gr.	Jul. 2000		Jan. 2001		Jul. 2001		Jan. 2002		Jul. 2002	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
0-5	30	7.4	21	6.5	12	4.3	23	5.1	25	5.7
6-12	23	5.6	22	6.8	20	7.1	37	8.2	38	8.6
13-19	61	15.0	57	17.6	37	13.2	46	10.2	69	15.6

Source: Report on Homelessness in Sudbury: Comparison of Findings July 2000 to July 2002



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**A quality of life which includes access to:
nutritious food**

Number of Dieticians and Nutritionists in Greater Sudbury

of dieticians and nutritionists in Sudbury:
36 positions, 12 vacant

Source: Sudbury and District Health Unit, 2002

Number of Families with Children using Food Banks*

7.4% of families with young children (0 to 6 years)
used food banks within the last year

*Sudbury and District Health Unit Area

Source: Northern Ontario Perinatal & Child Health Survey, 2002

Percent of Families Who Experience Food Insecurity*

- 11% of families sometimes or often found that the food they bought didn't last, and they didn't have enough money to buy more food
- 9% of families sometimes or often couldn't afford to eat balanced meals
- 5% of families had adults cutting the size of their meals or skipping meals because there wasn't enough money for food, and in 22% of these cases, this occurred almost monthly
- 5% of families ate less than they felt they should because there wasn't enough money to buy food
- 3% of families went hungry or didn't eat because they couldn't afford food

*Sudbury and District Health Unit Area

Source: Northern Ontario Perinatal & Child Health Survey, 2002

Weekly Cost of Nutritious Food Basket

For the reference family of four

Provincial Average (2001):	\$113.28
Manitoulin and Sudbury District (2001):	\$118.98
City of Greater Sudbury (2002):	\$114.98
Manitoulin and Sudbury District (2002):	\$122.20

Source: Sudbury and District Health Unit, 2002

Monthly Ontario Works Basic Needs Allowance*

No. Dependents**	Dependents 13 years +	Dependents 0 to 12 years	Recipient (\$)	Recipient and Spouse (\$)
0	0	0	195.00	390.00
1	0	1	446.00	476.00
	1	0	486.00	512.00
2	0	2	532.00	576.00
	1	1	572.00	612.00
	2	0	608.00	648.00

* Basic needs is issued to an applicant or participant for the following items: food; clothing; and personal needs.

** Other than spouse

Aboriginal Prenatal Nutrition Program

The Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program is offered by the federal government through the Brighter Futures Initiative (Health Canada). The goal of the program is to improve the health of Aboriginal mothers and their infants up to six months of age. It is designed to provide food supplementation, nutrition counselling, support, education, referral and counselling on lifestyle issues to pregnant women who are likely to have unhealthy babies.

Our target groups are:

- Low income mothers;
- Pregnant adolescents;
- Youth at risk of becoming pregnant;
- Pregnant women who abuse alcohol or other substances;
- Pregnant women living in violent situations;
- Pregnant women living in isolation or not having access to services.

Program Statistics from April 1, 2002 to January 31, 2003

Contacts:

- 1052 adults
- 165 children aged 0-6 months
- 396 children aged 6 months to 6 years
- 92 children over 6 years

We have offered:

- two series of 8 prenatal classes
- two series of 6 aboriginal parenting classes
- 43 Talk'n Task groups
- 24 mom and babe swims at the YMCA
- 23 special event activities
- 27 traditional teachings
- 68 clients have received family healing support
- 25 community kitchens

In addition:

- A children and maternity wear clothing depot is available to all women who attend programs.
- Over \$1600 in food vouchers have been distributed to families in need.
- Childcare and transportation is available to all clients during programs.
- An average of 79 referrals have been made to various community agencies.
- Approximately 37 pre and post-natal home visits have been made.

Source: N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre, 2003



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**A quality of life which includes access to:
recreation and leisure activities**

Number of Children Participating In Subsidized Recreation

PLAY Program

For 2001 the PLAY program took 364 referrals and placed 242 children.

In 2002, 479 children were referred and 461 children were placed

Source: Children Services, City of Greater Sudbury, 2002

Royal Conservatory of Music

The number of examinations which take place in Sudbury on an annual basis is approximately 400.

Source: Royal Conservatory of Music, 2002

Scouts Canada

September 2001 to August 2002

Beavers (5 to 7 yrs.)	158
Cubs (8-10)	184
Scouts (11-14)	74
Venturers (14-17)	33
Rovers (18-25)	5

Source: Scouts Canada - Northern Ontario, 2002

Navy League Cadet Corps Sudbury #44

January 2001 to December 2001
107 children aged 10-13

Source: Navy League Cadet Corps Sudbury #44, 2002

Send-A-Kid-To-Camp

In 2001, 963 children were referred to the program and 723 were placed in a summer camp. In 2002, 867 children were referred and 722 children placed.

Source: Sudbury Manitoulin Children's Foundation, 2002

Howard Armstrong Recreation Centre Statistics (January 3, 2001 to December 31, 2001)

Children Swimming Lessons:

Spring (10 week):	658
June (4 weeks):	153
August (4 weeks):	83
September (4 weeks):	170
Fall (10 weeks):	551
Winter (10 weeks):	560

*Swimming lessons are included in the purchase of a general membership, therefore, the above list is not all inclusive.

Source: Leisure Services, City of Greater Sudbury, 2002

City of Greater Sudbury Leisure Services Registration

2001 Winter/ Spring Program

Program	Number of Participants
After 4	55
Camp Sudaca	627
Camp Sudaca CIT	21
Canskate Celebration	25
Canskate Celebration Practice	23
Karate 5-8 yrs.	17
Track 3 Skiing	5
Youth Golf	6

2001 Summer Program

Program	Number of Participants
After 4	21
Power Skating 6-18 yrs.	21
Sensational Summer	
Junior Creative Arts Camp	67
Sports Sampler Camp	128
Tyke Development Hockey	50

Playgrounds

Playgrounds	Number of Participants
Integrated	7
Algonquin	60
Cedar Park	63
Diorite	46
Lo-Ellen	28
Westmount	66
Carmichael	25
Delki Dozzi	60
Downe	32
Robinson	84
Twin Forks	61
Long Lake	22
Lily Creek	59
McFarlane Lake	15
Adamsdale	35
East End	20
Rumball Terrace	19
McLean	23





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2001 Fall

Program	Number of Participants
Adventure Wall Climbing	8
After 4	59
Power Skating (6-8 yrs.)	71
Power Skating (8-10)	113
Power Skating (10-13)	74
Power Skating (10 to adult)	23

Source: Leisure Services, City of Greater Sudbury, 2002

Nickel District Pool Registration Totals (2001)

Children Lessons: 2071

Source: Leisure Services, City of Greater Sudbury, 2002

Number of Children using Public Libraries

As of August 19, 2002 there were 19,908 children under the age of 12 registered with the Greater Sudbury Public Library.

Source: Greater Sudbury Library, City of Greater Sudbury, 2002

Cost of One Adult Pass on Public Transportation

1996 - \$1.60*

1998 - \$1.75*

1999 - \$2.00*

2002 - \$2.10

* For the former Regional Municipality of Sudbury

Source: The FCM Quality of Life Reporting System, March 2000*, City of Greater Sudbury Citizens and Leisure Services Department, 2002

* Please see Appendix A for a list of all Parks, Playgrounds and Tot Lots within the City of Greater Sudbury





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**A quality of life which includes access to:
health care**

Fairstart

Only 176 children out of the 7,950 children aged 0-4 in the City of Greater Sudbury attended Fair Start in 2002. This means that only 2% of preschoolers in these areas were thoroughly screened before starting school. Of those screened, 38% were advised to seek follow-ups in one or more domain. For examples, 29% required further assessments for hearing, 39% for speech, 33% for vision, and 15% appeared to be developmentally delayed. According to the Community Services Inventory, Fair Start was only available at three sites in this area, most of which are in or in close proximity to the core of the City of Greater Sudbury. Many families were put on waiting lists. However, a proposal has been developed to expand the program in order to make it accessible to more families.

Source: Ontario Early Years Centre North, 2002

Number of Children with Decayed Teeth Using the Children in Need of Treatment (CINOT) Program

The Children In Need of Treatment Program assists pre-school and elementary school age children with the cost of dental treatment. A public health dental hygienist must first assess the child prior to receiving dental care. In 2001, 1616 children were referred for urgent dental care and 665 received financial assistance for treatment through the CINOT program. In 2002, 1673 children were referred for urgent dental care and 694 children received assistance for the cost of the treatment through the program.

Source: Sudbury and District Health Unit, 2002

Number of Children Immunized

Vaccine coverage rates for 7 year old children:

Diphtheria, tetanus, and polio > 87.4%
Measles, Mumps, Rubella > 97.1%

Vaccine coverage rates for 17 year old children:

Diphtheria, tetanus, and polio >57.9%
Measles, Mumps, Rubella >95.6%

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has set a goal of 95% coverage for protection against measles, mumps, pertussis, tetanus, diphtheria and polio. To maintain protection against tetanus and diphtheria, children require a booster between the ages of 14 and 16 years, and every 10 years thereafter.

Source: Sudbury and District Health Unit, 2002

Average Number of Children on Ontario Works Receiving Benefits, 2002

0 to 4	5 to 8	9 to 12	13 to 16	17 to 18
1150	751	640	471	107

Source: Ontario Works, City of Greater Sudbury Social Services Division, 2002

Percent of Single Births Less than 2,500 Grams 1992, 1996, 1998

1992 - 5.8* 1996 - 6.1* 1998 - 4.5*

*For the former Regional Municipality of Sudbury

Source: The FCM Quality of Life Reporting System, March 2001

Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies (average of all births 1993-1997)

Ontario: 5.9%
Sudbury and District Health Unit Area: 5.9%

Source: Sudbury & District Health Unit

from the Provincial Health Planning Database (PHPDB), 2002

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births 1991-1996

1991 8.6* 1992 5.9* 1993 7.0* 1994 7.1*
1995 7.9* 1996 7.8*

* For the former Regional Municipality of Sudbury

Source: The FCM Quality of Life Reporting System, March 2001

Teen Fertility Rate per 1000 Women Aged 15-19 yrs. 1991-1997

1991 26.6* 1992 26.4* 1993 24.1* 1994 30.3*
1995 26.9* 1996 25.5* 1997 21.0*

* For the former Regional Municipality of Sudbury

Source: The FCM Quality of Life Reporting System, March 2001

Approximate Number of Families in Greater Sudbury Enrolled with the Trillium Drug Program*

1394

* Trillium Drug Program helps people who have high drug costs in relation to their income

Source: Ontario Trillium Drug Program, 2002

The Growing Family Health Clinic - New in 2002!

Expectant mothers and young children need easy access to health services. To help increase their access to regular and consistent primary health care, the Sudbury & District Health Unit offers Nurse Practitioner services. The main objective of this clinic is to provide early and regular care during pregnancy and to provide ongoing care of mothers and children throughout the early childhood years. Families that are planning a pregnancy, expecting a baby or currently have a child up to three years of age can attend. Due to the high demand for services, this program can only accept clients that do not have a family physician.

Source: Sudbury and District Health Unit, 2002



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**Supportive and caring environments
that include: family time**

Percent of Lone-Parent Families, 1996 and 1998

1996 Canada: 14.5 Sudbury: 18.3*

1998 Canada: 15.4 Sudbury: 16.2*

* For the former Regional Municipality of Sudbury

Source: The FCM Quality of Life Reporting System, March 2001

Average Household Size

1971: 4 1976: 3.5 1981: 3.1 1986: 2.8 1991: 2.7 1996: 2.6

Source: Statistics Canada; 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001 Census of Canada

Note: 1971-1996 data are for the Former Regional Municipality of Sudbury

Number of Parents of Young Children who Work for an Employer who is Flexible about Leaving Early for a Family Reason*

67% of parents of young children reported working for an employer who is flexible about leaving early for a family reason

* Sudbury and District Health Unit Area

Source: Northern Ontario Perinatal and Child Health Survey, 2002

Families by Number of Children at Home

	Married	Common Law	Lone Parent	Female Parent	Male Parent
Families by number of children at home	32660	5320	7485	6210	1280
Families without children at home	14655	2970	0	0	0
Total Families with children at home	18000	2350	7485	6210	1280
1 child at home	6680	1095	4715	3800	915
2 children at home	8260	830	2155	1885	275
3 or more children at home	3065	425	615	525	90
Total children at home	32970	4115	10990	9240	1745
Average number of children at home per family	1	0.8	1.5	1.5	1.4

Source: Statistics Canada; 2001 Census of Canada



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**Supportive and caring environments that include:
early childhood development activities and
parenting supports**

Our Children, Our Future / Nos enfants, notre avenir

Our Children, Our Future / Nos enfants, notre avenir works in partnership with individuals, families, groups and organizations to develop and promote innovative and sustainable community resources that nurture healthy children, healthy families and healthy communities. The organization offers programs and services in many communities throughout the District of Sudbury.

Source: Our Children, Our Future, 2002

Brighter Futures / Grandir Ensemble Program (BF/GE)

Brighter Futures / Grandir Ensemble is federally funded by Health Canada under the Community Action Program for Children (CAPC). BF/GE offers parents of newborns and young children up to the age of 6 a variety of programs and services that help parents to enhance their parenting skills. We work with parents to help them understand the importance of healthy child development. As they develop their parenting skills they feel more confident in their ability as parents to raise healthy children.

April 1st, 2001 to September 30th, 2002

# of distinct adults served:	1119
# of distinct children served:	964
# of families served:	458
# of adult visits:	8141
# of child visits:	10902

Brighter Futures / Grandir Ensemble Program offered:

- Over 720 playgroups
- 68 workshops
- 49 discussion groups
- 30 series of parenting classes
- 141 special event activities

Over 1500 toys and resources have been accessed from the lending libraries.

Source: Brighter Futures / Grandir Ensemble, 2002

Number of Children Attending Licensed Nursery School*

The number of children attending licensed nursery school in a typical month, (November 2001) was 178.

* Half-day school readiness program for preschoolers

Source: Children Services, City of Greater Sudbury, 2002

Creating Healthy Babies / Maman et bébé en santé Program (CHB/MBS)

Creating Healthy Babies / Maman et bébé en santé is federally funded by Health Canada under the Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program. It offers expecting moms comprehensive care and access to a variety of support services including nutrition education and food supplements, social support and health information to reduce their risk of delivering a low birth-weight baby.

April 1st, 2001 to September 30th, 2002

# of distinct prenatal and postnatal women served:	426
CHB/MBS sessions delivered:	127
Attendance at sessions:	1827 adults 1164 children

714 nutritional support sessions provided for 358 women
childcare for 356 children was provided

The following had been distributed:

3523	milk vouchers
2486	cans of orange juice
2490	protein supplements
69	bottles of vitamins
2326	bags of fresh fruits and vegetables
76	presentations and workshops were delivered
800	referrals had been made (approximately)
39	home visits were made

Source: Our Children, Our Future/ Nos enfants, notre avenir, 2002

Ontario Early Years Centres

Ontario Early Years Centres (OEYC) help support parents and caregivers in the crucial role that they have of ensuring that children get the best possible start in life. These Centres provide many services to parents/caregivers and children 0-6 years. They offer programs to support parents and caregivers of young children in all aspects of early child development. For example, parenting programs and information about pregnancy are available. As well, many programs and activities are offered to promote early learning and literacy in children. The parent-child Mother Goose program, one during which mothers and babies come together to learn and play nursery rhymes, is a good example. Information about other early years programs in the community is readily available to those who visit OEYCs, and outreach activities are provided to ensure that all parents and caregivers can get involved. Many satellites within the City of Greater Sudbury have been opened, as OEYCs are designed to be accessible to all families. The following statistics show the participation rate from April to December, 2002 for all sites within the city.

April to December, 2002

# of children who participated in OEYC programs	3,379
# of visits to OEYC made by children	17,887
# of adults who participated in OEYC programs	2,559
# of visits to OEYC made by adults	13,035

Source: Ontario Early Years Centre North, 2002



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Aboriginal Family Support Program

The Aboriginal Family Support Program, at the N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre, is federally funded by Health Canada under the Community Action Program for Children. Our program supports families with children, aged 6 years and under. We provide culturally relevant programs and services to both parents and children. Some of the programs offered are: Community Kitchen, Native Parenting Class, Moms and Tots and Parent Relief. We utilize our culture and language to enhance our programs.

Program Statistics - April 1, 2002 to January 31, 2003

Target Groups:	Single parent families	63%
	Low income families (\$20,000 and under)	57%

Number of Contacts:

Adult	819
Children 0-6 months	20
Children 6 months - 6 years	621
Children over 6 years	132

Programs and Services Offered

Client Contacts

Native Parenting Classes (2 sets)	14
Community Kitchen	91
FAS/ FAE Prevention	11
Parent Relief	150
Child Development Programming	614
Transportation	652
Moms and Tots	135
Cultural Teachings	249
Elder Visits, Program Related	16
Recreation	193
Special Events	310
Nutritional Supplements	994

Source: N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre, 2003

Number of Parents Participating in Parenting Courses

Parenting education and skills development sessions are offered on an ongoing basis. Parents and caregivers can register for classes of their choice. Topics include speech, language, vision, growth, motor and social skill development, immunization, injury prevention and safety, nutrition, preventive dental practices, physical activity, communication, stimulation and play, parenting ability, family functioning, social supports and coping skills. In 2001, 445 parents received parenting education. In 2002, 828 parents participated.

Source: Sudbury and District Health Unit, 2002

Number of Parents Receiving Support from Healthy Babies Healthy Children (HBHC) Program

This is a friendly and free, in-home support program for pregnant moms and families with children under 6 years of age. A referral to the program is not required. Clients can contact the Sudbury & District Health Unit directly. In 2001, HBHC program staff contacted 1,746 families and 374 families were visited by the HBHC home visiting program. In 2002, a public health nurse contacted 1,510 families after leaving hospital and 980 families received a home visit by a public health nurse.

Source: Sudbury and District Health Unit, 2002





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**Supportive and caring environments that include:
quality childcare**

Number of Licensed Childcare Spaces

In January 2001 there were 46 licensed childcare programs (including nursery schools) and 2 private home agencies with licenses for 60 private home day cares. There were 2185 licensed childcare spaces.

Source: Children Services, City of Greater Sudbury, 2002

Number of Children with Special Needs Included in Regular Childcare in 2002

295

Source: Child Care Resources/ Ressources sur la garde d'enfants, 2002

Number of Children Accessing Licensed Childcare

In a typical month in 2001, 2193 children participated in licensed childcare programs.

Funding	2001	2002
Subsidized	941	961
Full Fee	1252	1375
Total	2193	2336

Source: Children Services, City of Greater Sudbury, 2002

Number of Children Accessing Subsidized Childcare

In 2001, 1967 children accessed subsidized childcare

Type of care	2001	2002
Licensed	1529	1582
Informal	438	403
Total	1967	1985

Source: Children Services, City of Greater Sudbury, 2002

Number of Families who had Childcare Difficulties*

21% of families had difficulty affording childcare over the past year

19% of families has difficulty finding temporary care for their children over the past year

45% of families had difficulty scheduling childcare to match their work schedules over the past year

* Sudbury District Health Unit Area, 2002

Source: Northern Ontario Prenatal and Child Health Survey

Ratio of Licensed Childcare Spaces to Children

The City of Greater Sudbury is working to increase the amount of licensed childcare available for families. A goal of having at least one licensed childcare space for every ten children aged 0-12 was set in the City of Greater Sudbury Child Care Services Strategic Plan in 2001. This goal was reached overall in the City in 2002, but some areas still have not reached it.

In 2002 the ratio of licensed childcare spaces to children 0-12 was 1:10.

Ratios	2000	2002
Licensed childcare spaces: children 0-12	1:12	1:10
Preschool* childcare spaces: children 0- 5	1:8	1:8
School age childcare spaces: children 6-12	1:26	1:20
Area with lowest ratio	1:41	1:22
(Lowest # of childcare spaces compared to number of children 0-12)	Onaping Falls	Valley East
Area with highest ratio	1:10	1:5
(Highest # of childcare spaces compared to number of children 0-12)	Walden	Capreol

*Preschool spaces include infant, toddler, preschooler and junior kindergarten spaces.

Source: Children Services, City of Greater Sudbury, 2002

Childcare Fees

An analysis of licensed childcare fees was completed in July 2002. The following are the lowest, highest and average daily fees for full-time licensed childcare in Greater Sudbury.

Age group	Lowest fee	Highest Fee	Average Fee
Infant (0-18 months)	\$26.50	\$48.00	\$39.35
Toddler (18-30 mths)	\$24.00	\$35.00	\$29.47
Preschooler (30- 6 yrs)	\$24.00	\$30.00	\$27.16
Before and After School (6- 12 yrs)	\$9.00	\$15.57	\$12.73

Source: Children Services, City of Greater Sudbury, 2002

Number of Childcare Programs Participating in the Program Quality Project

Twenty-two licensed childcare agencies, with 38 childcare programs, participate voluntarily in the City's "Program Quality Indicators" program which evaluates centre's program quality.

Source: Children Services, City of Greater Sudbury, 2002



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**Supportive and caring environments that include:
an educational system that ensures each child
attains her or his full potential**

Educational Attainment

Total population 15 years and over by highest level of schooling (%)

	Greater Sudbury	Ontario	Canada
Less than Grade 9	12.3	10	12
Grades 9 to 13 without secondary school graduation diploma	24.9	23.0	22.7
With secondary school graduation diploma	13.7	14.6	14.3
Trades Certificate or Diploma	4.2	3.5	3.7
College			
With certificate or diploma	20.0	18.1	17.7
Without certificate or diploma	7.0	6.4	6.5

Source: Statistics Canada; 1996 Census of Canada; Total population 15 years and over by highest level of schooling

Early Development Instrument Results*

On June 13th 2002, the results of the Early Development Instrument's (EDI) measures of school readiness to learn were released by the Canadian Centre for Studies of Children at Risk from McMaster University. A descriptive report on the status of children in the Sudbury-Manitoulin District was included. Five different areas of early development were evaluated: physical health and well-being, social knowledge and competence, emotional maturity, language and cognitive development, and communication skills and general knowledge. Each scale score ranged from 0 - 10.

The report of a macro level of analysis showed how well over 2000 senior kindergarten students tested in the Sudbury-Manitoulin District in the 2001/2002 year were doing compared to over 25,000 Senior Kindergarten students tested across Canada in 2000/2001 (last year's cohort). Although the children in Sudbury-Manitoulin scored slightly lower on emotional maturity, and slightly higher on the language and cognitive development, on average, they appeared to be doing just as well as children in last year's cohort in all five domains. Twenty-five percent of our children had problems in at least one readiness to learn domain, and 13.7% had problems in at least 2, whereas the comparable percentages for last year's cohort were 26.3% and 13.1%, respectively.

Additional analyses were conducted on demographic variables to compare children within the Sudbury-Manitoulin District. The results showed that girls consistently scored better than boys, and that older children scored higher than younger children, and that this was true for all five domains of school readiness. Both these findings were a consistent developmental phenomenon across all sites where the EDI was implemented.

* Sudbury-Manitoulin

Source: Canadian Centre for Studies of Children at Risk, McMaster University, 2002

Grade 3 and 6 Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics Performance at Percent Level*, 2000-2001

Sudbury Catholic School Board

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
	Gr.3 (Gr.6)	Gr.3 (Gr.6)	Gr.3 (Gr.6)	Gr.3 (Gr.6)
Reading Province	14% (8%)	35% (36%)	43% (46%)	3% (6%)
Writing Province	5% (9%)	47% (37%)	41% (42%)	4% (7%)
Math Province	4% (15%)	39% (36%)	47% (38%)	6% (7%)

Le C.S.D.C. du Nouvel-Ontario

Reading Province	9% (5%)	34% (33%)	46% (52%)	9% (7%)
Writing Province	5% (2%)	36% (31%)	45% (53%)	11% (9%)
Math Province	9% (2%)	37% (28%)	48% (43%)	4% (24%)

Rainbow District School Board

Reading Province	10% (7%)	31% (33%)	45% (46%)	6% (10%)
Writing Province	4% (7%)	42% (38%)	43% (42%)	5% (9%)
Math Province	5% (6%)	28% (29%)	51% (48%)	12% (14%)

Le C.S.D. du Grand Nord de L'Ontario

Reading Province	12% (2%)	29% (28%)	42% (51%)	15% (14%)
Writing Province	6% (2%)	30% (34%)	44% (51%)	15% (6%)
Math Province	12% (1%)	31% (16%)	44% (40%)	11% (37%)

Level 1: Does not meet the Provincial Standard

Level 2: Approaches the Provincial Standard

Level 3: Meets the Provincial Standard

Level 4: Exceeds the Provincial Standard

* All statistics reflect Method 2

Source: Education Quality and Accountability Office



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Safe, protective environments that : promote a child's cognitive, physical, social, spiritual and emotional well being

Number of Parents of Young Children who have a Strong Sense of Belonging in their Community*

77.6% of parents of young children have a somewhat strong or very strong sense of belonging in their community

* Sudbury and District Health Unit Area
Source: Northern Ontario Perinatal and Child Health Survey, 2002

Per Capita Donations to the United Way 1996-1999

Campaign Receipts	1996	\$1,050,000*
	1997	\$1,150,000*
	1998	\$1,134,000*
	1999	\$1,040,000*

* For the former Regional Municipality of Sudbury

Source: The FCM Quality of Life Reporting System, March 2001

Young Offenders Charged 1991, 1996, 1998

1991 - 729* 1996 - 742* 1998 - 603*

* For the former Regional Municipality of Sudbury

Source: The FCM Quality of Life Reporting System, March 2001

Volunteerism

Age: 15-24	Volunteer Rate	35%
	Estimated #	8661
	Estimated Hrs.	1,264,470
	Estimated Value	\$12,644,700

*Estimates are based on Statistics Canada Survey data of volunteer participation rates in Ontario. Estimated hours are based on the Ontario average of 146 hours per person. Total value is calculated at \$10 per hour.

Source: adapted from Volunteer Strategy Task Force; Volunteerism Strategy for the City of Greater Sudbury, 1997 National Survey of Giving, Volunteering and Participating





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Safe, protective environments that: provide protection from abuse, mistreatment, injury and disease

Number of Children Assisted by the Children's Aid Society (March 31, 2001 to March 31, 2002)

461 children in care
6,609 clients served (including parents, partners, children and siblings in each family)

Source: Children's Aid Society Sudbury, 2002

Percentage of Parents Using the Following Types of Discipline*

When parents are faced with a situation where their child(ren) are misbehaving:

- 81% of parents often or always tell their child(ren) to stop
- 76% of parents rarely or never just ignore their child(ren)'s misbehaviour
- 38% of parents rarely or never raise their voices or scold their child(ren)
- 64% of parents often or always calmly discuss their child(ren)'s misbehaviour with them
- 74% of parents suggest alternative behaviours to their child(ren)
- 30% of parents rarely or never remove privileges or send their children to their room

* Sudbury and District Health Unit Area
Source: Northern Ontario Perinatal & Child Health Survey, 2002

Number of Young Children Aged 2 - 6 Years who Always Wear Bicycle Helmets*

83% of young children who ride tricycles,
92% of children that ride bicycles, and
88% of children who ride as passengers on bicycles, always wear bicycle helmets

Sudbury and District Health Unit Area
Source: Northern Ontario Perinatal & Child Health Survey, 2002

Number of Parents who Report Using Car Seats/ Boosters Appropriately

Almost all parents in the Sudbury and District Health Unit area reported that the child is always buckled-up when they go somewhere by car. However, further analyses showed that only 78% of the parents used car seats/ boosters, children always sit in the back seat and always buckled-up. Data from a local car seat clinic showed a great need for educational campaigns on proper installation of car seats, since approximately 1 in 10 car seats were properly installed. In 2001, 198 car seats were inspected by the Sudbury and District Health Unit. In 2002 the number of inspections increased to 317.

Sudbury and District Health Unit Area
Source: Northern Ontario Perinatal & Child Health Survey, 2002

Number of Young Children who have been Injured in a Fall*

10% of young children (0-6 years) have received medical attention for an injury resulting from a fall

* Sudbury and District Health Unit Area
Source: Northern Ontario Perinatal & Child Health Survey, 2002

Number of Young Children Poisoned Accidentally*

Slightly under 2% of young children received medical attention for accidental poisoning

* Sudbury and District Health Unit Area
Source: Northern Ontario Perinatal & Child Health Survey, 2002

Number of Parents who keep Hazardous Materials out of Reach of Children*

92% of parents report keeping hazardous materials out of reach of children*

**out of reach implies: high, out of children's reach; or in a locked cupboard

* Sudbury and District Health Unit Area
Source: Northern Ontario Perinatal & Child Health Survey, 2002

Number of Crossing Guards Employed by the City of Greater Sudbury, 2001

49 Crossing Guards

Source: City of Greater Sudbury, 2002

City of Greater Sudbury Fire Safety Public Education, 2001

Learn not to Burn, Risk Watch, Older and Wiser, Remember When, Put a Lid on it, Smoke Alarm Initiative

Source: City of Greater Sudbury, 2002

Total Number of Children Accessing Mental Health Services

Child and Family Centre

# of children served	Apr. 1, 01 - Sept. 30, 02	2314
# of children served (0-6 yrs.)	Apr. 1, 02 - Sept. 30, 02	73
# of children who received intensive one on one treatment	Apr. 1, 02 - Sept. 30, 02	108

Wait List (as of September 30, 2002):212

Average wait: 4.5 months
Average age of child: 10 years

Source: Child and Family Centre Sudbury, 2002

Deaths from Injuries and Poisoning (1997-1999)

Greater Sudbury: 2 deaths per 10,000 children 0-14 years of age (5 deaths per year on average)

Ontario: 1 death per 10,000 children 0-14 years of age (130 deaths per year on average)

Source: Sudbury and District Health Unit. From the Provincial Health Planning Database, modified by NHIP



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**Knowledgeable and responsive governments that:
understand their responsibility towards children**

Mayor and Council's Children First Roundtable

The City of Greater Sudbury's Health and Social Services Department, Children's Services Division has been focussing on the needs of young children for many years. The concept of "Children First" was first developed by the former Region of Sudbury's Health and Social Services Department, as a key message for reinvesting the savings resulting from the National Child Benefit (NCB) program. A community consultation was undertaken with specific recommendations as to how to best use these dollars for children's programming.

The Children's First initiatives brought focus to the development of programs that would enhance child development in the early years, and also has provided a framework for further planning at the municipal level. Children's Services is taking a leadership role to ensure that Departments within the new City work together to address other areas within their purview, like transportation and leisure programs, to create a child friendly city.

In June 2000 a Children's Forum was organized by the Region of Sudbury - Health and Social Services Department, Social Planning Council and representatives from the local School Boards, the United Way, the Algoma, Cochrane, Manitoulin, Sudbury District Health Council and provincial Ministries. The purpose of the conference was two-fold: to address the gaps which exist in children's services in the early years; and to create a Community Action Plan that would be strategic and do-able, would be endorsed by the City of Greater Sudbury and others, and that would enhance the development of children through the critical early years.

Mayor Jim Gordon identified the need for a Children's Roundtable in his inaugural speech for the new City of Greater Sudbury in December 2000. It was envisioned that this Roundtable, from a broad focus, would find creative ways to strengthen and support young families to ensure that no child is left behind. The Mayor and Council's Children First Roundtable is a committed partnership of elected representatives, local experts, businesses and citizens working together to build a sense of civic responsibility to improve the quality of life for children.

Source: Children Services, City of Greater Sudbury, 2002



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Knowledgeable and responsive governments that: invite the opportunity for children to have influence on the future

Greater Sudbury Youth Strategy

The Greater Sudbury Youth Strategy is an initiative dedicated to building a youth-friendly community. Through the work of the Youth Cabinet (a core group of youth volunteers) and the Advisory Team (a panel of community stakeholders) the Youth Strategy endeavors to realize the following vision:

The Greater Sudbury Youth Strategy will be the voice for youth, working in collaboration with key community partners to assess youth needs and develop innovative, feasible solutions to address issues pertinent to youth;

The Youth Strategy will be renowned in the community for being a fair and inclusive representative body of youth that acts as a resource to the community of Greater Sudbury in delivering quality programs and initiatives aimed at defining and building a youth-friendly community;

Greater Sudbury will grow into a community that is able to attract and retain youth due to its ability to offer a high quality of life, quality education, challenging and rewarding employment opportunities, and reliable, affordable ancillary services.

The Greater Sudbury Youth Strategy aims to have some “serious fun” while accomplishing the following goals:

- Raising awareness of the contributions of youth;
- Creating “participation,” “experience,” and “job” opportunities for youth;
- Advocating on behalf of youth;
- Building a youth-friendly community where youth can “Study, Stay and Succeed in Greater Sudbury!”
- Implementing projects and programs that address issues that youth feel are barriers to building a successful future in Greater Sudbury;
- Increasing opportunities for youth input and involvement at all decision-making levels;
- Creating an awareness of the positive impact that youth have on this community;
- Increasing opportunities for youth volunteerism;
- Creating and utilizing partnerships to accomplish goals and create cohesion and understanding in the community;
- Acting as a resource for agencies and groups whose mandates are youth oriented, as well as for other groups interested in having access to a youth perspective.

In working towards these goals, the Greater Sudbury Youth Cabinet will:

- Remain positive, strong, compassionate, open-minded and have fun!;
- Serve as positive role models in the community;
- As a team, demonstrate qualities of leadership, passion, intelligence, wisdom and grace;

We believe that:

- There are key decisions to be made and action to be taken in the community, especially concerning education, employment and quality of life;
- An open-minded, committed, realistic, collaborative, goal-oriented approach will bring success to the Youth Strategy initiative;
- We have an opportunity to “make a difference”;
- Greater Sudbury is home, but it needs our help;
- Youth have a strategic role to play in bringing about meaningful change in our community.



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**Knowledgeable and responsive governments that:
take action in order to create a sustainable future**

Quality of Life Initiatives, 2002

- Greater Sudbury Lake Improvement Committee Project (www.city.greatersudbury.on.ca)
- Rainbow Routes: Sudbury Trails (www.rainbowroutes.com)
- 2002 Land Reclamation Program (www.city.greatersudbury.on.ca)
- Seniors Tree Planting Day (www.city.greatersudbury.on.ca)
- Book Launch: Healing the Landscape (www.city.greatersudbury.on.ca)
- Bremen Partnership Award, Bremen, Germany (www.city.greatersudbury.on.ca)
- Roots and Shoots Conference, Science North, Sudbury (www.city.greatersudbury.on.ca)
- Tree Giveaway, New Sudbury Shopping Centre, Sudbury (www.city.greatersudbury.on.ca)
- Vermillion Forest Management Partnership (www.city.greatersudbury.on.ca)
- Upper West Branch Restoration Project (www.city.greatersudbury.on.ca)
- Gift That Grows campaign (www.city.greatersudbury.on.ca)

Waste Management Section of the City of Greater Sudbury

3R Programs

Blue Box Recycling Program

- Curbside residential collection
- Apartment recycling collection
- "Biz Box" commercial recycling collection
- Special event recycling collection

Derelict motor vehicle removal and recycling

Composting Program

- Home composters
- Leaf & yard trimmings collection
- Central composting
- The sale of unscreened finished compost
- Grasscycling
- Christmas tree recycling

Household Hazardous Waste

- Household Hazardous Waste Depot
- Toxic Taxi

Landfill Diversion

- Tire recycling
- Scrap metal recycling
- White goods (appliances such as freezers, fridges, stoves, washers etc.)
- Freon-containing appliances
- Clean, non-treated wood diversion
- Re-use area

"Clean-up Greater Sudbury" NEW

- Development of Litter Container Inventory/Policy
- Development of an Anti-Litter and 3R's Resource & Activity Guide (for children)
- Co-ordination of Clean-up Activities

Source: Public Works Department, City of Greater Sudbury, 2002

Total tonnes of Blue Box Recyclables Shipped to Various End-Markets

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Cardboard	1356	2233	2471	2816	3192	3542	4394	4824
Household Papers	3028	2967	3308	3734	3747	3843	4146	4317
Fine Paper	351	292	371	319	349	355	300	295
Container Glass	1248	1377	1292	1329	1355	1238	1447	1362
Steel	490	533	542	547	506	472	543	579
Aluminum	272	227	215	202	174	176	160	171
#1 Plastics	83	96	105	111	139	169	199	200
#2 Plastics	12	53	59	86	89	100	86	128
Total (tonnes) 1 tonne = 1 kilogram	6840	7778	8363	9114	9551	9895	11275	11890

Source: Public Works Department, City of Greater Sudbury, 2002



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City of Greater Sudbury Revenue Fund Expenditures, 2001

General Government	\$26,008,254
Protection Services (fire, police, conservation authority, inspection, emergency measures, Provincial Offences Act)	\$43,704,651
Transportation Services (roadways, winter control, transit, parking, street lighting, air transportation)	\$52,446,646
Environmental Services (sanitary sewer system, storm sewer system, waterworks system, waste collection, waste disposal, recycling, pollution control)	\$52,716,195
Health Services (public health services, hospitals, ambulance service, cemeteries)	\$28,933,475
Social and Family Services (general assistance, assistance to aged persons, childcare)	\$120,900,675
Social Housing	\$26,300,656
Recreation and Cultural Services (parks, recreation programs, recreation facilities, libraries, cultural services)	\$26,334,263
Planning and Development (planning and zoning, commercial and industrial, residential development, agriculture and reforestation, tile drainage)	\$7,687,761
Total	\$385,032,577

Source: Treasurer's and Auditor's Report, City of Greater Sudbury, 2001



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Conclusion

The Mayor and Council's Children First Roundtable Research Sub-Committee has endeavoured to create a document that reflects the status of children living within the City of Greater Sudbury; a city recognized as a world-class community bringing talent, technology and a great northern lifestyle together. The efforts that were invested in the development of this Children First Report Card will continue into 2003 whereby the Research Sub-Committee will resume researching the latest data available about children and engage local researchers in the development of a second report card that will track successes and progress.

The assistance from the community in generating information for the Children First Report Card has been overwhelming. It is through cooperation, collaboration and team work that the Research Sub-Committee is able to present this document to you. In order to ensure that the second report card is as successful as the first, the Research Sub-Committee invites all community members to share their thoughts and provide feedback about what they liked and what is missing. It would therefore be greatly appreciated if you could take a few minutes and complete the section below; your feedback is important to us.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

What I liked about the Children First Report Card: _____

What is missing from the Children First Report Card: _____

I can provide what is missing: Yes No

Please return your comments to:

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Appendix 1 - Maps

City of Greater Sudbury Parks, Playgrounds and Tot Lots