

CATCH
Community Action Toward Children's Health

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CATCH Integration Team

- The Bridge Youth and Family Services
- The Central Okanagan Child Development Centre
- Highlands Educare
- Kelowna Child Care Society
- Kelowna Community Resources
- Metis Community Services Society of British Columbia
- The Ministry of Children and Family Development
- The Okanagan Boys and Girls Club
- The Okanagan Regional Library
- The Regional District of Central Okanagan
- School District #23
- Westbank First Nation
- United Way/Success By 6
- Interior Health Authority

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If we can build a successful city for children we will have a successful city for all people.

Enrique Penalosa (Former Mayor of Bogota, Columbia)

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The Child Friendly Communities Project

Nine Community Conversations throughout the Central Okanagan

- Parents
- Service providers
- Local government representatives

1. What makes the Central Okanagan a Child Friendly Community?
2. What is still needed for young children?
3. What are your priority areas?

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The participants told us:

In many ways the Central Okanagan is a very child friendly community.

Programs and Services:

- Central Okanagan Family Resource Programs
- Okanagan Regional Library Children's Programs
- Strong Start Programs

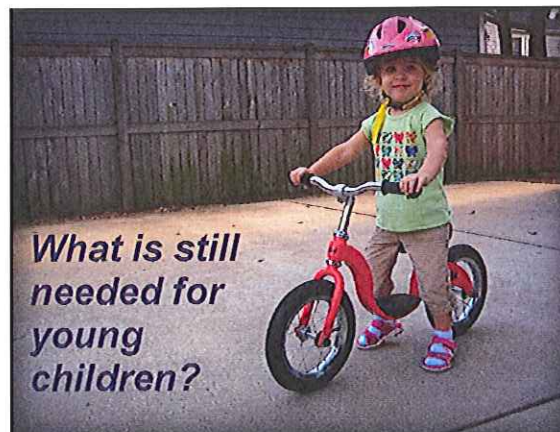
Amenities:

- Parks and Green Spaces
- Beaches

Community Events & Festivals:

- All our free community festivals

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Top priorities for young children:

- o Transportation
- o Housing
- o Civic Planning
- o Child Care
- o Breastfeeding Support

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Transportation summary:

Walking and Biking

Sidewalks needed

- for strollers, walking and biking
- near schools, beaches and parks
- cars are travelling to quickly

Pathways connecting neighbourhoods needed

Bikelanes needed

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Transportation summary:

Public Transit

Stroller accessibility

- more available spaces

Friendlier drivers

More frequent stops and availability

Better communication from transit needed

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Transportation summary:

Motorized transportation

Cars travel too quickly in residential areas for safe walking and biking

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Transportation Stakeholder Group Members

- The Cool Ways to School Project
- Connecting the Dots - Communities That Care
- Parents
- Aboriginal CATCH Coordinator
- IH-Healthy Community Environments
- Regional Transportation Demand Management Program
- City of Kelowna Sustainability Coordinator
- BC Transit Senior Planner
- Community Transit Trainer
- CATCH Integration Team
- District of West Kelowna-Engineering
- Kelowna Community Resources
- RDCO Regional Growth Strategy
- ICBC Interior Road Safety Coordinator
- Kelowna Speed Watch Program
- Davara Enterprises (Developer)
- The Ministry of Transportation

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Child Friendly Transportation for Young Children

Safe and easy ways for parents and care providers to take children with them on buses, in cars, by bike or on foot.

Buses

- stroller friendly
- welcome by the driver

Bike or on foot

- education programs
- access to bike seats, trailers and helmets
- bike lanes and trails

Motor vehicle

- programs for access to car seats

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Local Planning and Development

- safe walking and cycling to key locations
- traffic calming measures

Affordability

- services and programs are available to all

Awareness

- provide information to parents and care providers

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Examples of Child Friendly Transportation In the Central Okanagan

District of Peachland

- Waterfront Walk Way

District of West Kelowna

- Gellatly Bay Recreation Corridor including an new playground

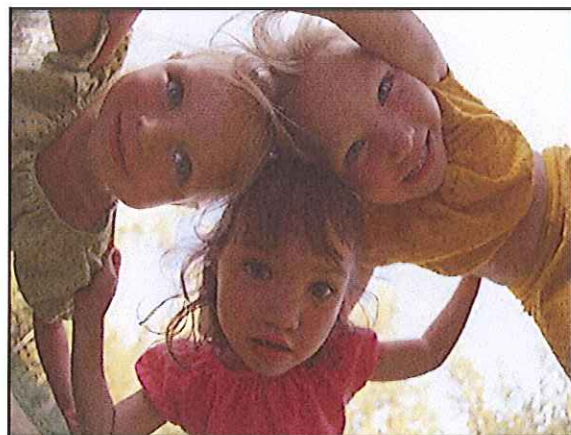
City of Kelowna

- Google Bike Route Map and the Rails with Trails Project

District of Lake Country

- WalkAround Lake Country (WALC)

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The Tool Kit

- Education and awareness for all sectors
- Guide for keeping the transportation needs of young children and families on the table
- Available on the CATCH Website

Components:

- Self-Assessment Checklist
- Child Friendly Transportation Information
- Contact information for providing transportation feedback

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Tool Kit Distribution

- Parents and Care Providers
- Municipal Government
- The Ministry of Transportation
- ICBC
- The Development Community
- BC Transit
- Neighbourhood Associations
- Interior Health Authority
- Community transportation groups
 - Speed Watch
 - Cycling Groups
 - Running Groups
- Youth Advisory Councils
- Environment/Air quality advocates
- Local SD23 Schools participating in Haste BC Programs
- Community Service Providers
- Pre-school and Primary Teachers
- School Board Planners
- Health Care Professionals
- Politicians
- Media

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What can Municipal Governments do?

- Designate a staff member and possibly a council member responsible for bringing a child's perspective to transportation and land use.
- Support distribution of the Tool Kit.

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Benefits of Child Friendly Transportation

- Sustainability through supporting parents in teaching their young children to view all modes of transportation as safe and accessible.
- Attracting and retaining young families to the Central Okanagan

We will be investing in the future leaders of our communities.

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