

2014 UPDATE

This document provides updates to the major indicators from CATCH's 2013 State of the Child Report.

There is strong and growing evidence that higher social status is associated with better health. In fact, these two factors seem to be the most important determinants of health.

12,595 children age 0 - 6 live in the Central Okanagan



POVERTY



Nearly 1 in 5 children live in low-income households.

50%

Of female single parent families live in poverty.



LIVING WAGE

The minimum rate of pay earned by two adults working full-time to meet the basic needs of the household.



Expenses included in living wage calculation: housing, food, clothing, health expenses, child care, transportation, child care, and education. It does not include cable/internet, debt payment, savings for home ownership or vacations.



\$1155

HOUSING

Rent increased 15% in the last 3 years.



\$862

FOOD

An increase of \$29/month between 2011 and 2013.



\$1132

CHILD CARE

Fees can vary with child age and facility type.



\$481

TRANSPORTATION

Cost of getting around the decreased \$11 since 2013.

COLLABORATION

There are many benefits to working together including: community awareness, resource sharing, overcoming obstacles, funding opportunities, making system changes and sustaining greater results.



Aboriginal CATCH engaged a Father Involvement Coordinator, Brenden Moore to support connection among Aboriginal dads, uncles, and grandfathers.



The Central Okanagan Family Hub Steering Committee is a collaboration of agencies and institutions that are working together towards establishment and support of hubs in our community.

WHAT WE CAN DO

Support and advocate for policies which improve the health and wellbeing of children and families. Join local initiatives and get involved in your community



EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT

28%

Of children are not prepared for success in school and beyond.

1 in 7

Young people in BC will have a mental illness at any given time.

420

Families are waiting for services at Startbright Children's Development Centre

