What is Success By 6?

Success By 6 is a United Way initiative set up to help improve the lives of our youngest children. Success By 6 is based on the idea that it takes a village to raise a child and that we all have a role to play in ensuring that every child has a chance to succeed early in life. By investing in young children, their parents and caregivers, we dramatically increase our children’s chances for a healthy and successful future.

Success By 6…

- Supports organizations that work with young children age 0 to 6 years
- Identifies gaps in children’s services locally, providing resources to get them filled
- Works to make early childhood development a priority in KFLA.

The Success By 6 Council of Partners and Committees include representatives from private business, government, education, neighbours and parents. Together, we are giving children the tools they need to succeed in life.

Why Concentrate On Our Youngest Children?

- The critical period of early child development is age 0 to 6 when the maximum brain development occurs
- Children need a safe, nurturing environments filled with positive stimulation and interaction
- Children from all economic backgrounds can benefit from programs in early child development and effective parenting
- Every dollar spent in prevention programs saves seven dollars in future spending
- The number of children needing support in KFLA is on the rise
**What Kinds Of Things Has Success By 6 Done So Far?**

The following gaps have been identified and Success By 6 has helped get them filled by supporting critical areas of need, such as:

- Transportation and access to programs for young children including those living in rural & hard to serve areas within KFLA
- Parenting programs and workshops to help parents gain the skills they need to be good parents, because children don’t come with instructions
- Parenting support and resources for children with learning and developmental disability
- Links between aboriginal families and children’s services
- School readiness programs promoting early learning to ensure children enter school with cognitive, social and emotional maturity to get along with others and are ready to learn
- Grants to local organizations that enable parents, caregivers and young children to participate in programs and services to give them the best start in life
- Research and reports that provide information and a baseline measure of how children of KFLA are doing.

**What Is the Link Between United Way and Success By 6?**

Success By 6 is a United Way led initiative. It was started in Minneapolis and has now spread across the continent mobilizing local groups and organizations to work together to initiate and fund social services that don’t have alternative support. It is a registered trademark and local United Ways obtain a license to use the logo.

**Where Do I Go to Access Services and Parenting Programs?**

There are a number of resources in KFLA including:

- KFLA Public Health 613-549-1232
- Kingston Military Family Resource Centre, CFB Kingston 613-541-5010
- Ontario Early Years Centres: Limestone Advisory for Child Care Programs, Kingston 613-384-5188
- Ontario Early Years Centres: Lennox & Addington Resources for Children, Napanee 613-354-6318
- The Child Centre, Sharbot Lake 613-279-2244

**For more information about Success By 6**

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