


Wellbeing of Children and Youth




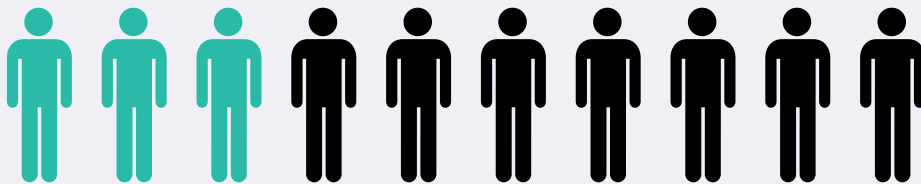
THE Village
INITIATIVE
Helping children, youth and families thrive

across Sooke and the West Shore

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVESTMENT

 **54%** of youth rated their **connectedness** to community as **low** or medium¹

 **46%** of youth rated their **connectedness** to peers as **low** or medium¹




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children were likely to **experience challenges** in their school years & beyond²



64% of parents rated child **wellbeing** as **worse** since the pandemic⁴



 **11%** of respondents said they worry **food will run out** before they get money to buy more since the pandemic⁴

61% vs. **86%**
2020³ vs. 2021⁴
of parents reported their children experienced **more stress** than before the pandemic

28%  of youth had good sleep **only 2 nights** per week or less¹

¹ Human Early Learning Partnership. Middle Years Development Instrument [MDI] Grade 6 report. School District & Community Results, 2021-2022. Sooke (SD62). Vancouver, BC: University of British Columbia, School of Population and Public Health; May 2022.

² Human Early Learning Partnership. Early Development Instrument [EDI] report. Wave 7 Community Profile, 2019. Sooke School District (SD62). Vancouver, BC: University of British Columbia, Faculty of Medicine, School of Population and Public Health; February 2020.

³ British Columbia Center of Diseases Control (2020). BC COVID-19 SPEAK Round 1 Survey. Prepared by British Columbia Center for Disease Control.

⁴ British Columbia Center of Diseases Control (2021). BC COVID-19 SPEAK Round 2 Survey. Prepared by British Columbia Center for Disease Control.