


Wellbeing of Children and Youth




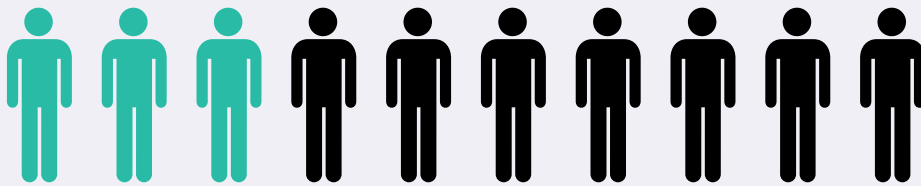
THE Village
INITIATIVE
Helping children, youth and families thrive

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 pandemic ⁴

61% vs. 86%
^{2020³} ^{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.