

2025-2026 PROJECTS

1./ Strengthening Early Years to Kindergarten Transition

Background:

The Delta School District is leading a community-based initiative to better support newcomers who have 0- to 5-year-olds. The planning involves community conversations to learn about the supports newcomers are getting, where the gaps lie, and what initiative(s) are best to address these gaps. Following these learnings, discussions focused on the question: What could enjoyable and useful events/engagements look like during this school year?

Purpose:

To hold events for newcomers to learn about resources, and connect with one another.

Outcome:

June 2026 Delta event for newcomers.

2./ Mapping service and program delivery times

Background:

Delta has learned that the majority of families are working non-traditional hours, and that accessing programs/services is in general a challenge.

Purpose:

To have an internal assessment to see what are the core programs and services currently offering, and to identify gaps and opportunities for next steps.

Outcomes:

To create an easy-to-use document to help agencies plan programs and services to meet identified gaps

To share this information and adapt programs to better meet families' needs

3./ Early Years Communication Plan

Background:

More families in need learn about free programs, services and resources.

Purpose:

To create and implement strategic communications to increase community education and awareness about available programs, services and resources and the website as a community hub.

Outcomes:

To create a communications plan

To identify outreach initiatives

To identify website items

To identify and create any needed brochures/flyers, and targeted emails

4./ Researching from existing literature and discussions: What does it mean to have a welcoming and supportive program?

Background:

There is literature and community-based practices about what it means to have a welcoming and supportive program. However, there is *no one* source that compiles *all best practices, customized to various groups* (i.e. complex needs, newcomers, immigrants, youth, early years, etc.)

Purpose:

To compile research and existing literature into one document to share and inform community's practices.

Outcomes:

To create one best practices document customized to the various groups.

To determine education and training needs.

5./ Family Engagement Events

Annually we host a Valentine's Day event in North Delta and a Spring family event in South Delta.