# HEALTHY SCHOOLS = HEALTHY KIDS

Healthy schools contribute to the safety and health of our children, our youth...our future!

#### **Audiology (Hearing)**

Audiology services are provided to children aged 0-19 through local health centre hearing clinics.

## **Community Nutrition**

Community nutritionists work with school districts to implement the Guidelines for Food and Beverage Sales in B.C. schools and develop healthy school policies. They also support school nutrition and food security projects.

#### **Dental Services**

Dental services provides oral health promotion and dental decay prevention services to families with children. This includes education and school surveys.

#### **Health Protection**

Health Protection personnel work to ensure our schools are safe and healthy places for children.

#### Healthy Schools/Child & Youth **Regional Knowledge Coordinator**

**Public Health Nursing** 

These folks support school districts with health policy and program development. They also provide education, planning and program development support to school staff and IH public health staff who work in schools.

#### Medical Health Officers (MHO)

MHOs consult on school health issues and school policies. They also have legal responsibility under the School and Public Health Acts to protect the health of students in the school environment.

#### Mental Health & Substance Use

IH staff support youth with serious mental health problems as they transition to adult services. Staff and community agencies work with schools to support early intervention services for youth at risk of problematic substance use.

#### **Vision Services**

IH vision screeners provide kindergarten vision screening programs in schools. Children identified with possible vision concerns are referred for diagnostic assessment and follow up by vision specialists.

### **Nursing Support Services**

Nursing support coordinators provide assessment, care plan development and education, consultation, resources, and ongoing monitoring services for children ages 0-19 with chronic and/or severe, complex health conditions.

### IH Children's Assessment Network (IHCAN)

IH staff and a network of service providers offer assessment and diagnostic services for children with complex behavioural conditions.

Public health nurses work in partnership with school staff, students, parents, and the community to promote health and prevent disease and injury for school-aged children and youth.

#### **Tobacco Reduction**

Tobacco reduction coordinators provide support for tobaccoreduction initiatives in schools by consulting on policy and program development, providing prevention/cessation resources, and more.







