



# STRATEGIC SOCIAL PLAN

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

# SSP Connections

a bulletin about the Strategic Social Plan

## SSP implementation full steam ahead!



Hon. Gerald Smith, lead minister on the Strategic Social Plan .

**S**SP Connections is the first in a regular series of flash sheets about the Strategic Social Plan. It's designed to update you on what's happening with the SSP in government and across the province in the six SSP regions.

The Plan was first

introduced in 1998 as a framework for integrating economic and social development, and as a way to better coordinate services for people.

There's been plenty happening since!

Steering committees are operating in all six regions of the province: **Northeast Avalon, Avalon, Eastern, Central, Cormack-Grenfell, and Labrador.**

Key partners on these SSP steering committees include regional boards of health, education, (including post-secondary) and economic development as well as representatives of federal, provincial and municipal governments and other agency partners.

They come together to focus on long-term regional

development and priorities and issues. Some of their recent activities include organizing volunteer, youth and recreation conferences; holding forums on community leadership; facilitating partnership initiatives that focus on children, youth and seniors, and developing strategies for human resource planning.

Future issues will highlight development of the SSP across the province and profile each region.

Government departments are also taking steps to further integrate the SSP and over the coming months Connections will provide information on these initiatives.

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### The SSP in action

The SSP committed government to working more collaboratively with departments, across sectors and with its community partners. In the coming months, SSP Connections will highlight initiatives within government and across the SSP regions that illustrate the SSP in action.

