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The Passionate Few



Mikki Dadoun | Above & Beyond Learning Experience

An **Above & Beyond Learning Experience** is what Mikki Dadoun's venture provides for individuals challenged to learn by the conventional education system. Flex School™, ABLE's flagship program, adapts to the needs of each student with multiple resources. Students are empowered to be accountable for their participation in the programme along with parents and caregivers. Providing the greatest learning opportunity with the least resistance is a communal effort.

Above & Beyond is more than a labour of love for Mikki. Her path to her passion began on the street where she was driven due to maltreatment from her foster parents. That experience did not deter Mikki from fostering 3 children of her own. ABLE has evolved from her learned experiences as a solution to the universal challenges facing R@skids* and their quest for social inclusion. To Mikki, "every child has a purpose".

ABLE was awarded the Nottawasaga Futures 2005 Business Excellence Award for the Advancement and Promotion of Literacy.

ABLE's core subject material is provided by **Accelerated Christian Education Canada**, from grades 1 to 12, in book form. ACE has taken the conventional textbook and divided it into bite-sized, achievable, worktexts called PACE. Each grade consists of 12 PACE worktexts in each subject. By placing the child at exactly his/her level through specific diagnostic testing, encouraging parental participation, stressing the importance and uniqueness of the individual, teaching the child the principle of goal setting, then encouraging them to meet those goals, ACE curriculum has consistently resulted in students who score significantly higher than their counter parts on Canadian Achievement Tests.

Alpha Omega Publications provides a second option for course material offering two programmes - LifePac and **Switched-On Schoolhouse**. SOS is a computer-based programme featuring 3-D animation and cutting edge multimedia. The interactive learning environment is enriched with a number of electives with a similar instruction style.

Currently, the youth rushing towards ABLE possessing the most energy & enthusiasm also possess the least in family & finance. Personal survival is a constant challenge for these children. They have no energy or time to concentrate on school and are super sensitized to judgement from peers. ABLE fills in the blanks by finding and fulfilling what's missing in their living experience. Integral issues to nurturing such as nutrition and parental support are part of ABLE's product matrix. Counselling, therapy and food are provided daily by Mikki and other qualified participants. Many kids are referred by The Door, a safe haven for Alliston's R@skids*.

Most children function at lower than expected grade levels in math and reading. They have fallen through the cracks. While current numbers place the Ontario high school dropout rate at 31%, **2700 per annum** in Simcoe County the system fails them long before they get there. Mikki says "kids are disillusioned by grade 5, gone by grade 8". ABLE's purpose is to cultivate an interest in **life** one child at a time.

ABLE is a registered private school using curriculum that parallels the Ontario Board of Education Curriculum Guides and adheres to as well as surpasses OSSGD standards. ABLE is

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seeking financial assistance for sustainability and to manifest its mission. Curriculum resource material is valued at \$625 per grade (9 – 12) and \$500 (3 – 8). The purchase of this material allows ABLE to teach, regardless of a student's ability to pay. Accessibility to learning is essential for social inclusion. Every child has a purpose.

ABLE is authorized to produce transcripts, report cards and other education communication documents, including grade 12 Certificates endorsed and authorized by the Ontario Board of Education Independent Learning Centre. Canadian Post-secondary Institutions accepting students from alternative schooling systems such as ABLE are:

Acadia University, Wolfville, NS	Assiniboine Community College, MB
Athabasca University, AB	Atlantic Baptist University, Moncton, NB
Augustana University College, AB	Augustine College, Ottawa, ON
Bethany College, Sussex, NB	Bishop University, Lennoxville, QC
Brandon University, NB	Briercrest Bible College, Caronport, SK
Brock University, ON	Canadian Bible College, Regina, SK
Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute, AB	Canadian Mennonite University, MB
Capenwray Bible School, BC	Caribou School of the Bible, BC
Carlton University, Ottawa, ON	Cegep de Granby, QC
Cegep de L'Outaouais, QC	Champlain College, Lennoxville, QC
Christ for the Nations, BC	Concord College, Altona, MB
Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS	Elim Bible Institute, Altona, MB
Emmanuel Bible College, Kitchener, ON	Fairview College, AB
Grand Prairie Regional College	Grant MacEwen College, AB
Guelph University, ON	Key-Way-Tin Bible Institute, AB
Keyano College, Fort McMurray, AB	King's University College, AB
Lambton College, Sarnia, ON	Maritime Christian College, PE
McGill University, Montreal, QC	McMaster University, Hamilton, ON
Medicine Hat College, AB	Miller College of the Bible, SK
Mohawk College, ON	Mt. Carmel Bible School, Edmonton, AB
NAIT, AB	National Ballet School of Canada, ON
New Brunswick Bible College, Moncton, NB	N B Bible Institute, Victoria Corner, NB
Nippawin Bible College, Nippawin, SK	Nova Scotia Community College, NS
Okanagan University College, BC	Olds Agricultural College, Olds, AB
Ottawa University, ON	Peace River Bible Institute, AB
Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, AB	Providence College, Otterburne, MB
Red Deer College, AB	Red River Community College, MB
RMC Kingston, ON	Redeemer U College, Ancaster, ON
SAIT, AB	Salvation Army W & M Booth College, MB
Seneca College, Toronto, ON	St. Clair College, ON
St. Stephen University, St. Stephen, NB	St. Thomas University, ON
Steinbach Bible College, Steinbach, MB	The King's University College, AB
Trinity Western University, Langley, BC	Tyndale College, Toronto, ON
Université Saint-Anne, NS	University College of Fraser Valley, BC
University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB	University of Calgary, AB
University of Guelph, ON	University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB
University of New Brunswick, NB	University of Toronto, ON
University of Waterloo, ON	University of Western Ontario, ON
University of Windsor, ON	University of Winnipeg, MB
W. Pentecostal Bible College, Abbotsford, BC	Winnipeg Bible College, MB
Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo, ON	York University, North York, ON
Yukon College, YK	

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[* R@skids = at risk youth]

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