

Provincial government funds Morley music program

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Some Stoney First Nation students have proven that music can often be the pathway that leads to success.

A program created by the Legacy Children's Foundation sees mentors teach music to at-risk youth, and thus far in Morley, eight children have been learning to play music with "marvellous results."

That's according to the chief executive director of the Calgary group Darryl Wernham, who is ecstatic the program has received \$150,000 in funding from the provincial government to expand the program to Bighorn and Eden Valley, the other more remote parts of the Stoney Nakoda reserve.

"The eight kids in Morley have been attending classes, doing well," he said. "It's amazing the draw of music."

By September, a total of 20 students will be learning musical instruments of some description.

"They are such great people to work with," Wernham said of the staff and parents in Morley.

"They really love their kids."

The province has also announced funding of \$278,000 for the Eden Valley Crime Prevention Youth Empowerment Strategy to address violent crime among young people in Eden Valley.

