

MOVING TO ACTION WITH DISCOVERMDI.CA

MDI data can support planning, foster collaboration and inform action across schools, organizations and communities. There are many opportunities for working with your MDI results and there are examples of successful initiatives from across the province to learn from.

We encourage you to take time to visit **Discover MDI: A Field Guide to Well-being in Middle Childhood** at [discovermdi.ca](https://www.discovermdi.ca), an online resource where you can access information and research on the many aspects of well-being in middle childhood, resources and tools for understanding and sharing MDI data and to connect with MDI Champions who are working on similar issues in their schools and communities. Here are some key resources and tools to get you started:

UNDERSTAND YOUR MDI DATA

MDI reports provide information with both detail and depth into the social and emotional lives of children. Approach the results with a lens of curiosity, inquiry and appreciation. The Discover MDI Field Guide can walk you through [how to read and interpret your MDI data](https://www.discovermdi.ca/exploring-mdi-data/) (<https://www.discovermdi.ca/exploring-mdi-data/>). It also provides background research to support further understanding of the MDI data.

CHOOSING A FOCUS: THINK BIG, START SMALL

It may be overwhelming to consider the many opportunities for change presented in the MDI data. Where will your focus be? What results do you have some influence over? How will you make change? For example, if you are interested in the area of social and emotional development, the Discover MDI Field Guide provides in-depth information on the [MDI and its dimensions and measures](https://www.discovermdi.ca/intro-to-mdi-dimensions-and-indices/) (<https://www.discovermdi.ca/intro-to-mdi-dimensions-and-indices/>), including the [measures of social and emotional development](https://www.discovermdi.ca/social-emotional-development/) (<https://www.discovermdi.ca/social-emotional-development/>).

ENGAGING OTHERS

Increasing local dialogue on the importance of child well-being in the middle years is an excellent way to start improving outcomes for children. Once you are ready, review your MDI report with multiple audiences: children, parents and elders, caregivers and teachers, school administrators, after-school programmers, local early/middle childhood committees, local government and other community stakeholders. Visit the Discover MDI Field Guide for tips and tools to [widen the conversation and to think critically about the data together](https://www.discovermdi.ca/sharing-mdi-data/) (<https://www.discovermdi.ca/sharing-mdi-data/>).

MAKING CHANGE

The MDI provides opportunities to weave together data and local knowledge to create a change process that reflects the unique context of your school, district or community. The Discover MDI Field Guide's 'Making Change Workshops' support school and community change-makers through the process of facilitating exploration of MDI data, creating action teams and turning ideas into concrete plans. There are full facilitation guides for each workshop, paired with worksheets and companion slide decks. Explore [workshop resources](https://www.discovermdi.ca/workshops/) (<https://www.discovermdi.ca/workshops/>).

SHARING DATA WITH CHILDREN

Do the results surprise you or raise further questions? Conversations with children will help explore and clarify results in these areas. Sharing data with children will provide them with an opportunity to share their perspectives and ideas on how to create environments and interactions that help them thrive. If you are wondering how to involve children of all ages and their families in exploring these results, [explore MDI essential resources](https://www.discovermdi.ca/category/md-essentials/) (<https://www.discovermdi.ca/category/md-essentials/>).

BE INSPIRED AND CONNECT WITH OTHERS

Innovation happens when people build on ideas, rather than simply duplicating them. The Discover MDI Field Guide provides opportunities to learn from seasoned MDI Champions – [check out their stories and learn from their approaches](https://www.discovermdi.ca/making-change-with-the-mdi/), (<https://www.discovermdi.ca/making-change-with-the-mdi/>), explore the collection of [downloadable tools](https://www.discovermdi.ca/category/md-essentials/) (<https://www.discovermdi.ca/category/md-essentials/>) and [find upcoming training and learning opportunities](https://www.discovermdi.ca/category/news-and-events/) (<https://www.discovermdi.ca/category/news-and-events/>). Be inspired, edit, adapt or create new!

If you have any additional questions about the MDI project, please visit our website at earlylearning.ubc.ca/md-essentials/ or contact the MDI team at mdi@help.ubc.ca.

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