

**REPORT TO THE INFANT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
PROVINCIAL STEERING COMMITTEE**

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I want to acknowledge Judith Oldfield's retirement from her position as an Infant Development Consultant. She will be continuing on in her role as a Regional Advisor, however this is a significant transition for Judith. I would like to thank Judith for all of her years of support and dedication to families in her work as an Infant Development Consultant.

On June 22, 2009, Bonnie Barnes and I held a Regional Inservice for staff from the Lower Mainland. This included staff from IDP, Aboriginal IDP, Supported Child Development Programs, and Aboriginal Supported Child Development Programs. The speakers at the Inservice were, Claire Yambao-Regional Trainer for Prevent Shaken Baby Syndrome who presented information on the Period of Purple Crying. Also presenting was Dr. Naznin Virji-Babul who gave an informative talk on the latest brain research and findings that the Down Syndrome Research Foundation is working on. It was a terrific Regional Inservice with extremely useful information which all the staff benefited from hearing about.

Dr. Wendy Hall was going to present at this Regional Inservice, however, Bonnie and I decided that it will be more helpful to have Dr. Hall present when there will a larger attendance. Therefore, we are planning another Regional Inservice when Dr. Hall will speak to the staff in the Lower Mainland.

I was very fortunate in being able to attend the Summer Institute this summer. It was an excellent two weeks of intensive education about Infant Mental Health (IMH). Three professors taught the Summer Institute this year, each of whom had theories in common; they also had different approaches to IMH. The diversity in the professors and their approaches enriched the material and content of the course. I learned a tremendous amount of new information from both what the students in the class contributed as well as what the professors taught. The other Regional Advisors were very helpful in supporting students in the class to feel comfortable and familiar with the campus and the University system. Amelia Mathieson insured that the entire class ran smoothly for the two weeks we were at UBC, as well as before the class started and after it finished. Amelia deserves recognition for all of her hard work.

Together with Bonnie Barnes, we have been organising a Regional Inservice for the Lower Mainland Region of the IDP. There was a request to have David Loyst present his half-day workshop on Reference and Regulation, and his two-day workshop on

Reference, Regulation and Intervention workshop. The invitation to attend either the half-day workshop or the two-day workshop has been extended to the staff from the Supported Child Care Program, the Aboriginal IDP, and the Aboriginal Supported Child Care Program. This workshop will be taking place on September 14 and 15, 2009.

Bonnie Barnes has been extremely helpful in setting up the LINKED-DISC system for the Burnaby IDP. During this process, I have gained a better understanding about the LINKED-DISC, how it works and how helpful it is. When I am using the system, I have received a different perspective than just looking at it as I had done in all of the meetings over the years.

Carolyn Graves, Bonnie Barnes and I have been finishing the recommendations from the last meeting of the Gesell Safety Committee. We have been writing and reviewing the two documents which were suggested to be written regarding checking the Assessment kits and the general safety reminder notice applicable to the items in the kit and the administration of the assessment.

I was very honoured to write a letter of support for Dr. Osman Ipsiroglu who is applying for funding for a project about sleep education. This is a project which IDP will have a role in both receiving a disseminating the information learned about sleep.

The Regional Advisors had more consistent contact with each other this summer, which was helpful to me. They each attended parts of the Summer Institute and we have had frequent conference calls. This consistency has helped us communicate regarding planning ahead, keeping each other up-to-date with current situations and supporting each other. I appreciate the support and help from the other Regional Advisors.

The regular Lower Mainland IDP Supervisors' meetings will resume after the summer break on September 25<sup>th</sup>. The Western Canadian Association for Infant Mental Health meetings will also resume in September.