

Infant Development Program of British Columbia  
Report to the Provincial Steering Committee  
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Vancouver Island Region  
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Our Regional in-service was held in the Comox Valley at the King Fisher Resort & Spa this year. Lee, Michele and Dixie did a wonderful job of organizing and welcoming all of us into their community. On the afternoon of May 7<sup>th</sup> we participated in an experiential workshop "*Building Bridges through Understanding the Village*" which was presented by Kathi Camilleri. We all came away with a more in-depth understanding of the beliefs & values of Aboriginal People and the impact of the residential school experience on their traditional ways. This workshop was very powerful and for many of us an emotional experience. In the morning of May 8<sup>th</sup> we shared resources and Claire Yamboa presented on "*Period of Purple Crying*".

On May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> I co-facilitated the Gesell training with Mary Stewart and Lynn Krausert. It was well attended with both AIDP and IDP consultants from across the province.

I have been participating with others on developing a protocol agreement between AIDP and IDP in the North Island. A draft has been circulated and will be reviewed at our next meeting in Port McNeill on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

On July 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> I attended Summer Institute and the evening "wrap up" party which was held at Berwick this year. The feedback from participants has been very positive.

I have been meeting and in communication by email and telephone with staff of a program that has been reviewed by MCFD. My role has been one of support and providing information and clarification on IDP policy and procedures.

There continue to be requests from communities for the Make the Connection Program and Mary and I will be facilitating training in Prince Rupert at the end of this month.

This regions next teleconference call is scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12 noon. This continues to be a good way to discuss issues and to share information.