

Report to Provincial Steering Committee
April 19, 2007 meeting
Interior Region I.D.P. of B.C.

Whole Region

- *Nadine Johnson*, Assistant Director of Early Childhood for Interior Health Kelowna and I had a dialogue about a second universal **developmental screening** in the Interior. Most probably it will be included as part of the 18 month immunization; I am not aware of a timeframe for this.
- *John Bergman*, Regional Finance Officer, continues to chair the process that will lead to a **standard contract** for all IDP within the Interior. Some experienced consultants have contributed new ideas about the **logic model** since our last 'face-to-face' meeting; these will be discussed by the whole group on Wednesday April 25 [prior to the Interior Spring ECD Conference]
- The **Spring Conference** for all Early Childhood Development sectors takes place April 25-27 in Kelowna. Donations and other funding have been secured to offset the cost of the conference; participants' costs will include travel, hotel and some meals. All Interior staff except two [one has a family commitment] are attending!

There is much excitement about this collaborative effort that has drawn over 200 registrants. This event has taken many, many hours of planning by all concerned but especially by *Meg Lee* and *Rita Carlson* [Interior Region MCFD ECD/CYSN Consultants] so many thanks to them.

During our IDP time, *Dana Brynelsen* will lead us in discussion of the **unique role of IDP** within the Early Years service sector and in examining the topic of **home visiting**. We will also have time to share with each other a variety of **new resources**; it will be at this time that I share information from the **International FASD conference** held in Victoria last month.

Dana will participate in a Provincial panel presentation; I will be introduced in the Regional portion of the plenary morning. In the Thursday evening 'meet & greet' we will have both the new **IDP display** and the **FAS** 'partnership-like' program information displayed.

My work within the Region

- I spent part of a morning observing *Susan Wells'* IDP Playgroup at NONA in **Vernon** March 26th. There is much variety and creativity within IDP Playgroups and I found it valuable to experience the environment Susan had crafted for her families.

- I then provided training on the AEPS [Assessment, Evaluation and Programming System] to 5 **AIDP staff at their Regional meeting** in Vernon that afternoon. Thanks to *Connie Dean*, AIDP RA for the opportunity to participate in this training and to *Diana Elliott* for sharing the day with me.
- Training on the ASQ-SE and AEPS for staff of the **Kamloops IDP** took place on March 27th. IDP and SCD staff from **Clearwater** joined the group also. IDP staff continue to embrace these tools enthusiastically.
- I have been invited by *Lana Smallwood* to attend an Open House being held by the new **Creston** Infant Development Program on April 30th. This will be an exciting event celebrating this service being provided from within the community. Thanks again the *Marcia Julian* of MCFD for recognizing and responding to this community's need.

Upcoming Training

- There has been an request to provide ASQ and ASQ-SE training to Aboriginal staff in **Williams Lake** on May 17th
- Provincial Gesell training is scheduled for May 22 & 23. All Regional Advisors continued to work to revise the Gesell training in response to comments provided by participants.
- Daycare staff in **Lilloett** have asked for ASQ training in June

Requests for training for ECD staff [see above] continue to be received and responded to. However the RA budgets cannot absorb these costs so they have been passed on to the agencies involved.

Regional Conference Calls

- Our Regional Conference Calls are now scheduled for every other month: May 14 and June 25 are the next dates.

Respectfully submitted

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