

Report to Provincial Steering Committee  
April 24, 2008 meeting  
Interior Region I.D.P. of B.C.

My work within the Region

- I visited the Yellowhead Community Services sponsored program in **Barriere** and **Clearwater**. Hethar Garecki and I spend a full day going over details of IDP practice including a home visit and a review of Gesell reports. This one to one time is incredibly valuable to best practice .
- I have weekly telephone training phone calls with the **Revelstoke** staff [Kristal Bradshaw and Kelly Silzer]. They set the agenda depending on their needs. We have reviewed Gesell videotapes of assessments, schedules and reports – very useful for them.
- I also ‘meet’ by phone regularly with *Lana Smallwood* from **Creston**. Again, she sets the agenda and I am able to provide specific clinical practice input.
- The **Kamloops** IDP staff have become unionized; this requires adapting to what this means within the work environment.
- We continue with **Regional conference calls** – with great success. Our next one will include opportunity for consultants to share the ‘nuts and bolts’ of their *IDP Playgroup*. There is a wide variety of goals, strategies, and timing that meet the needs of families within our region.

The **Regional Spring In-Service** took place April 17-18 in **Vernon**. Regional costs were limited to refreshments and lunches; participants covered their own travel, motel and dinner. See agenda attached. The verbal feedback was very positive; I will be emailing a feedback questionnaire in the near future as this had slipped my memory at the time. All Interior programs except two [one sole charge with a family commitment] attended!

\*\* *Marcia Julian* [Interior Region MCFD ECD/CYSN Manager], *Meg Lee* and *Rita McLeod* [Interior MCFD ECD/CYSN Consultants ] attended as did Sue Sterling [APFA ASCD senior planner] so we were a diverse group. Many thanks to them for making time in their busy schedules to spend a full day with us!

\*\* *Connie Deane* [Regional Advisor for AIDP] was unable to attend the full session due to an emergency at her workplace but did stop by as we set up on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

- Staff changes: *Janet Verbeeck* has moved from the **Williams Lake** CDC to the AIDP/ASCD position still in Williams Lake. We miss her

but she is [by all reports] doing a great job helping set up this new program. Welcome to *Claire* who has joined IDP at the CDC.

- *Laurie Russell* joined the **Vernon** IDP two days/week. She participated in a presentation at Reg'I In-Service... doesn't take us long to have people really involved!

#### Upcoming plans

I will be visiting **Revelstoke, Creston, West Kootenay** programs in June. Visits to **South Okanagan** are also being planned; also potentially in the **Boundary** in the summer

Thanks to everyone who expressed concern for my community in the wake of the triple murder tragedy. It has been an unimaginable horror for everyone in Merritt these past few weeks. My hope is that the community memorial service scheduled for Sunday afternoon will begin the process of healing for all of us.

Respectfully submitted

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