

Report to the Provincial Steering Committee
Infant Development Program of British Columbia
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Bonnie Barnes, the new Regional Advisor who oversees the Vancouver/Coastal Region and I have had a number of meetings to discuss the transitions in our roles. We have also talked to the IDP Supervisors in the Lower Mainland regarding how to best support the Infant Development Program staff who are also experiencing this transition.

The Provincial Inservice in October was an excellent training opportunity and covered very relevant and important information for Infant Development Program staff. The Gesell training which preceded the Inservice was very well attended and successful. I was part of the Advanced Gesell training which was held this year for the first time in many years and was lead by Ann Reiner. The day was tailored to the needs of the experienced Infant Development Consultants who attended and they directed the training to some degree by their questions. I learned a great deal from both Ann and from the discussion among the participants in the training.

The retirement party for D'Anne Rathie was well-attended and was a very hospitable event. There were so many IDP-related people who met D'Anne over the eighteen years of service she gave to the IDP. It was such a wonderful opportunity for everyone to gather and say hello and good-bye to D'Anne. I would like to thank the people who went to so much work to put together such a wonderful party for D'Anne.

The IDP Supervisors in the Lower Mainland Region, which includes programs from both the Vancouver/Coastal Region and the Fraser Region, have been meeting on a monthly basis. These meetings are always well attended and offer an opportunity for information sharing and support.

I have received many orders for Gesell kits and Gesell items and the requests continue. There were quite a number of orders just prior to Inservice and many IDP staff wanted to pick up their orders while they were in Vancouver and take the Gesell kits home with them when they returned home outside of Vancouver.

The Western Canadian Association for Infant Mental Health meets monthly and while the group has a growing membership there are only a small number of people who attend the meetings on a regular basis.

I was able to attend a Linked-DISC meeting on October 31, 2006, and I am impressed with Herb Chan's dedication to the database and to the Infant Development Program. This will be a very worthwhile database to work with when it becomes available to our program.

The conference call on November 8, with MCFD staff concerning the Reportables was a useful opportunity to hear different perspectives on these statistics. The Reportables are a topic of much discussion at IDP Supervisors' meetings and it was valuable to hear and participate in the discussion. I am looking forward to the meeting on November 29, to do with the Reportables.

All of the Regional Advisors have been very busy planning a Regional Inservice for December 1, 2006, for the Infant Development Program staff of the Fraser and Vancouver/Coastal Regions. The Inservice topic has been chosen by the staff and is on the *Assessment, Evaluation, and Programming System (AEPS)*. This is a very exciting Inservice and will involve all of the Regional Advisors doing the organising and teaching.

The Regional Inservice on December 1 is to be followed by a day with all of the Regional Advisors (RA) working together on a course that is being developed by the RA's on home visiting and high risk families. This course is tailored to the families which the IDP sees and the interventions proposed are suitable and appropriate for what is available both by the Infant Development Program staff and other agencies and programs in British Columbia.