

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

December 5, 2008

North Region

October 6-8: Early Years Conference in Edmonton.

I have the list of workshops attended for those that are interested in copies.

Oct. 20-22: Aboriginal Early Childhood Development Conference in Prince George

Make the Connection Training

This was very well attended by staff from 15 communities in the Region, urban and rural, aboriginal and non-aborigianl, It was a great opportunity to learn together. As a follow-up, MCFD has also agreed to fund “parent kits” for the communities that attended this training. This will enable some of the smaller places to run a program in the New Year.

Instructional Principles Workshop

This was attended by a diverse group of participants wanting to develop their presentation skills.

Oct. 28: BCEHP Fair- IDP Booth

Training for audiologist on how to talk with parents about difficult diagnostic information. Over 20 audiologists from around the province took information on location and services provided by IDP. A great networking opportunity.

Oct. 29: IDP/AIDP MCFD Regional Conference call

This call is organized by Maureen DePelligrin, Early Services Coordinator for MCFD, North region. It was well attended and we are working on developing networks with staff, communities and executive directors. I put forth a request that came from this call to have a Management/ supervisor stream of training at the next Early Years Conference.

P-CMG meeting

November 3-7: Provincial Inservice

Gesell Training: 65 participants registered.

Regional dinner on Tuesday night was well attended and it is always wonderful to spend time with friends and colleagues (new and not so new)!!

Celebration of the ID/SCD certificate/ diploma

Nov. 12: Infant and Child Development Network Meeting

Nov. 19: Provided an AEPS workshop in Burnaby

Nov. 21: Plagiocephaly Workshop at BC Children's.

Nov. 24: BCEHP Assessment committee

Nov. 25: BCEHP North Regional Call

Nov. 26: Early Years 2010 Steering Committee

Regional Conference call

There is a new influx of immigrant families moving into communities in the North. This creates opportunities for programs to share information and resources in languages other than English.

We continue to have very successful Regional Conference calls every month.

We have been discussing how to communicate with parents our legal obligation to report concerns of neglect or abuse, when the parent has limited English or limited cognitive ability. We also share what programs consultants offer in their communities. We discussed our first priority is home visiting but often in Northern communities, providing group opportunities is a great way to link with parents and potential contact with hard to reach families.

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Ongoing work with LINKED-DISC with Herb Chan, PDAC and student liaison with UBC. .

I am reminded from friends and family how difficult this Holiday season may be for many families as they deal with the economic uncertainties of living in challenging times.

I hope this season finds you surrounded by friends and family and sharing time together in whatever way is most meaningful to you.

Merry Christmas and health and happiness in 2009.

Mary Stewart