

Infant Development Program of British Columbia

Report to the Provincial Steering Committee

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North Region

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April 23-24th We had a very successful and well attended Regional meeting in Prince George. About a dozen consultants were able to attend from Prince Rupert to Fort St. John. We covered Infant Mental Health and had Dr. Cindy Hardy from UNBC speak on attachment. Dr. Hardy is one of the organizers of the Northern Attachment Network. We also had Carrie Malm as a guest to speak about her own experience with hearing loss and hearing loss with her son. We looked at reflective practice and quickly reviewed the ASQ and ASQ-SE. Dana was also able to attend for the first day and everyone commented how valuable it is to have her sitting at the table with us to discuss provincial as well as philosophical ideas.

Many follow-up calls and contact with programs after this meeting.

May 11th – Community training in Quesnel for the ASQ-ASQ-SE.

May 14-15th BC Early Hearing Screening meeting.

May 16th Early Years Planning Committee Abstract Review and selection

May 22- 23 Gesell training. We trained about 50 consultants. The participation was great and the evaluations reflected that we are improving this training as we go along. We are attempting to make this training as useful as possible and had very specific questions in the feedback form. We also invited consultants to sit on a working group with us to review and revise the training. Many, many questions come up regarding this training and ensuring quality of implementations and standards around the province. We are hoping to have some dedicated time to address these concerns.

May 24th UBC Assessment Day. Dr. Tom Boyce's work is incredible!

June 11 and 12- Community training in Fort Nelson on the ASQ. This was a real example of how IDP and SCDP can become the "HUB" for services in a small community.

June 18th- BCEHP meeting

Contact with consultants and programs have been very consistent over the last 2 months.

We had a conference call scheduled for May 10th but was not able to happen due to technical difficulties. So we had a conference call on June 14th.

Consultants really appreciate the contact and connections that these calls create. We have a round of introductions, a brief update on communities and then agenda items, both provincial issues as well as training issues etc.

We conclude with a clinical question that gets everyone able to share expertise, knowledge and experiences.

Further discussion on the call was around Mentoring for Aboriginal IDP, will there be a provincial template or will each program look different?

Welcome to Lisa Bahm , new consultant in Dawson Creek.

Congratulations to Mackenzie Counselling Services for providing 30 years of community service.

Congratulations to AimHi for a very successful BCACL conference in Prince George.

There will be 6 consultants from the North region attending Summer Institute this year.

As some of you may know already, I will be re-locating to Vancouver this fall to work on Graduate Studies in Education at UBC. Although I have taken a one year leave from my community work, I will continue to work in the Regional advisor position and I have discussed this with Dana and the regional consultants and they are in full support of this.

Now that we have all survived the flood alerts and mosquito season is just starting... we are all looking forward to a relaxing and rejuvenating summer break and wishing you the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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