

**Infant Development Program of British Columbia
Report to the Provincial Steering Committee**

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**Vancouver Coastal Region
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Much of March was spent on planning for regional training. Vancouver Coastal and the Fraser region combined efforts to offer training opportunities to staff. Training was targeted to both new staff and experienced staff. All training opportunities were offered to the Aboriginal IDP staff.

March 12th – ASQ and ASQE Training provided by Michaela Wooldridge of Surrey IDP .10 new Consultants attended.

March 28th – Journey To Acceptance & Grieving.
Home-visiting
25 Consultants attended this training

April 5th - Vision and Motor Development provided by Ann Reiner PT

April 30th - Prematurity and Motor Development
NAS and Motor Development
Down syndrome and Motor Development
Training provided by Lynn Rogers PT

June 7th - Tour of Sunny Hill Education and Resource Centre
Vision Consultant – Michelle Graham

The supervisors of the lower mainland met on March 2nd and March 30th. Main issues discussed were Gesell training for new and experienced staff and possible changes that might be considered in the future. The other issue discussed is the growing challenge around recruitment of new staff. Some programs have had long term vacancies for both Consultants and supervisors. Main reason reported was due to low wages for the qualifications requested.

At the meeting on March 30th, Herb Chan attended the meeting to present an update on Linked Disc and to solicit input from programs that were using other data systems.

March 6th – 10th – I attended the FASD Conference in Victoria. I will forward the web casting link for the plenary sessions to the programs.

March 12th – 15th – One Consultant from Vancouver attended the Infant massage Training on the Island

April 4th - Regional Advisors teleconference – planning for Gesell training.

Committee participation –

Linked Disc – Ongoing participation

Partnerships Revision Steering Committee – Ongoing