

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

Vancouver Coastal Region

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Regional Training

The Vancouver Coastal region and the Fraser region have recently surveyed the regions about training needs. The survey results from last spring's training events were very positive. We plan to take the results and develop a training plan for the late spring through next fall. The Vancouver region will meet with the AIDP's to ensure that training needs are included.

The Vancouver IDP will be hosting a Parent Child Mother Goose 2 day training event in June 2008. There was a significant request from the field for the training. The participants are from all over the Province.

Provincial Projects

I continue to participate on a number of Provincial committees and projects that have a direct impact on the region.

LINKED DISK- I sit on the Provincial Steering Committee for this project as well as the design team. In Vancouver Coastal, pilots will be hosted by the Vancouver IDP and Richmond. The project is moving forward and there has been great support from a number of Programs in the region.

The Partnerships Steering Committee- The project is on track and many agencies have inquired and requested the opportunity to pilot the various modules throughout the region.

Vancouver Coastal Physiotherapy Regional Advisor for the IDP - I have had 4 meetings with Lynn Rogers PT Advisor for Vancouver Coastal to discuss strategies to support IDP's and AIDP's in the region who do not have access to Physiotherapy support. We discussed the possibility of using a standardized assessment tool that specifically looks at motor development and would have more detail and relevant information to a Physiotherapist, who could interpret the results and guide the Program as to the next steps in service delivery. This would entail specific training for Consultants depending on the tool selected.

Lynn and I attended the regional in-service in the Interior region where Lynn presented. The idea was to be able to share training topics with other Regional PT Advisors so that the training was being offered in the regions by their own professionals.

Regional Advisors and Gesell Training- Judith Oldfield and I will be presenting the advanced training module in May. The participants were asked to submit specific issues and scenarios so that the training would be meaningful. There were several submissions made, Judith and I will be working together to adapt the training.

PICCOLO Training – I attended the training in March and found it to be a valuable tool in the right context when working with families. I look forward to further training. There was large response from the region when the training was introduced and I have no doubt that we could fill the spaces with just IDP Consultants.

I am hoping to visit the IDP in Bella Coola in the near future with Lynn Krausert who has had the regional connection over the years. We are working out the logistics for the visit.

Respectfully submitted,

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