

**Infant Development Programs of BC  
Report to the Provincial Steering Committee –  
June 19, 2008  
Vancouver Coastal Region**

Some time in May was spent on planning for Gesell training. The training modules and presentations are constantly being revised in order to meet the needs of Consultants and to respond to the various levels of experience. Much appreciation goes to Lynn, Judith and Mary for all their hard work on these. This spring the Advisors cancelled module 5 which is geared to more advanced and experienced Gesell examiners. There was limited enrollment and the topics that were requested were more suited to the other modules that were to be presented. The Advisors have had a preliminary discussion regarding the advanced module, and how to best address the practitioner's requests. Early ideas point to having regional specific training on specific topics in a variety of different types formats to be made available.

**Initiatives:**

- **LINKED DISK** – I continue to sit on the Steering Committee and am also a member of the Design team. The team meets once a week by teleconference. Both Vancouver and Richmond IDP will pilot the database system which is due to begin the end of June, beginning of July.
- **MCFD - CIC (Children in Care) Developmental Screening Project – Vancouver Coastal** This project will focus initially on all children in care of MCFD between 0 – 6 years of age in the Vancouver Coastal Region. There have been two initial meetings of the Steering Committee to determine the focus and scope of the project and what initial tasks need to be completed. The committee is made up of various representatives from MCFD, IDP, Vancouver Coastal Health, Vancouver Aboriginal Child Protection and Family Services, Dr. Barb Fitzgerald and Dr. Chris Looock and Mental Health. A Project Coordinator position will be developed and hired in the near future.
- **The Partnerships Steering Committee** – Work continues to move forward. Many communities have inquired about when the modules will be available.
- **Regional SIRF Meeting** – IDP representatives from across the region met with MCFD to discuss changes to the SIRF requirements, clarification of definitions and interpretations. There were very few concerns discussed which is positive in terms of the accuracy of the info that MCFD has collected to date. I will be attending the Provincial SIRF meeting on June 24, 2008 on behalf of the Provincial office.

- **Summer Institute** – There are only a few Consultants attending institute this summer. In general discussions, one reason for not attending was that Consultant's in some programs are required to take vacation time.

**Respectfully submitted by,**

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