

Infant Development Program of British Columbia
Report to the Provincial Steering Committee
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Vancouver Island Region
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I appreciated the opportunity to participate in the SKI-HI Curriculum training (*Family-Centered Programming for Infants and Young Children with Hearing Loss*) in January and in February in Vancouver. This training was well organized and extensive and the resource materials and information provided is a good fit with the philosophy of the Infant Development Program and Early Intervention Teams. I will be sharing this information with consultants during our resource sharing at regional in-service in May.

We have confirmed the dates for regional in-service. The North Island IDP will be hosting in-service this year. It will be held in Port Alice on May 8th and May 9th. The focus on the afternoon of the 8th will be on "*The Impact of Family Violence on Children's Development*". We are grateful that Dr. Patricia Janssen who is an Assistant professor in the Department of Health Care and Epidemiology at UBC and an Associate Faculty member in the Dept of Family Practice and School of Nursing has agreed to present her work in this area. On May the 9th Danielle Plummer who is a Psychologist with the CYMH Team will discuss the role of the team, resources, and red flags for referrals. Consultants will have the opportunity to discuss their role and IMH as well as looking at resources, and education and training needs.

I continue to meet by teleconference on the committee for the Provincial IDP/Pediatric Physiotherapy Network. Recommendations will be sent out to programs in the next month.

Over the next couple of months I will be preparing for Gesell training in Vancouver and updating our Regional Library. I have had requests for ASQ/ASQ: SE training, regional Gesell training and program visits which I will be scheduling following regional in-service. As I have had several consultants expressing an interest in Infant Massage Training I have confirmed a June date to organize this training with Sylvie Hetu facilitating. Once the venue is confirmed, Information will be placed on the IDP website as well as being sent out to the regions.

I have been in contact with programs by email and by telephone. I regularly send out resources by email and on request by mail. I am happy to report that the Cowichan Valley Program has a speech therapist and is hoping to have a physiotherapist soon. Several programs in this region have taken the Triple P Parenting Program and VIHA is mandating that this program be taken by all consultants working within an Early Intervention Team. Several consultants have reported that although the resources and information appears relevant they are questioning the usefulness to many of the families that we serve.

Another issue that has come up is around consultant's safety and the need for agency's to provide cell phones for daily use. I am hoping that we can scheduled a teleconference call and discuss procedures around safety and the home visitor.