

INFANT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
REPORT TO THE PROVINCIAL STEERING COMMITTEE  
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**TRAINING**

**October 7<sup>th</sup>**

I facilitated one day ASQ training for daycare providers in the Victoria area. This training was hosted by the Child Care Resource and Referral Program.

**October 23<sup>rd</sup> - October 24<sup>th</sup>**

There were several consultants throughout province taking the beginners 2 day Gesell training modules. There continues to be a high need for this training during provincial in-services. Consultants in this region are asking for the possibility of having this training made available regionally and or developing a “training DVD” for those experienced consultants who may need a refresher. Thanks from all of us to Ann Reimer for facilitating the advanced (module 4) training. The feedback that I have received has been very positive.

I am preparing for the AEPS training which will be held in Vancouver on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, with the other regional advisors we are developing a home visiting module and will be working on this on Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**PROVINCIAL IN-SERVICE**

**October 25<sup>th</sup>-October 27**

Provincial in-service was well attended. The opportunity to network with colleagues and to receive relevant information from experts in our field is such a benefit to our ongoing training and education. We appreciate the work that Sandi (SCD), Faye (AIDP) and Amelia (IDP) did to make this in-service such a success.

**October 25<sup>th</sup>**

We all participated in a wonderful celebration for D’Anne Rathie at the UBC Graduate Centre. She is moving forward to new adventures and well into her retirement “mode”.

## **REGIONAL MEETING**

October 26<sup>th</sup>

Our regional meeting was held on Thursday and attended by about 10 consultants, both from IDP and AIDP. We discussed regional changes, the IDP review; training and education needs and BCAIDC membership. Julia Rose, our regional consultant from MCFD joined us for this meeting. I have sent out to the programs a “regional profile” that includes a wage survey and training and education survey. This will give us a better idea of the training needs of consultants as well as issues in regards to wages. I will be meeting with Julia to discuss available funding from MCFD. We also will be arranging regional meetings via teleconferences with MCFD every 6 weeks which will begin in the New Year. Jackie Watts our regional advisor for AIDP attended this meeting and expressed an interest in continuing joint regional meetings and training and education opportunities. There has been an interest expressed in Infant Massage, Make the Connection, ASQ: SE and AEPS training.

Welcome to our new consultants from the Port Alberni, Port Hardy and the Comox programs. We will be planning for our next regional meeting in April 2007.