

Infant Development Program of British Columbia
Report to the Provincial Steering Committee
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Vancouver Island Region
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I participated in the BC Early Hearing Program Training in Vancouver in early October. We had consultants from Port Hardy, Nanaimo, and AIDP Regional Advisor Jackie Watts representing our region for IDP/AIDP. I understand that other consultants working with the deaf and hard of hearing population will have the opportunity to take this intensive training in the New Year.

Gesell training was offered prior to provincial in-service again this year. It was well attended with approximately 45 new and experienced consultants participating. In addition there were consultants from the Visual Impairment Team and from the Supported Child Development Program. During the Provincial in-service I had the opportunity to meet with consultants for a regional meeting. Our discussion focused on regional training and education for Infant Mental Health as well as the need for advanced training and or discussion on using the Gesell assessment tool. Our region will look at this in more depth during our regional in-service in the spring. I continue to make contact with programs by email and telephone calls to individuals as necessary. We would find it helpful to have teleconference calls every 4-6 weeks as another way of sharing information and discussion issues. I have contacted Julia Rose MCF CYSN Consultant for this region who arranged for our first call however she did email me of recent organizational changes and that she may or may not be in the same role. I am hopeful that these calls can be scheduled regularly in the New Year.

Programs were recently surveyed as to caseload numbers and waitlists. At this time, 3 programs in this region have reported having to waitlist children. Also, there were comments from some programs as to an increase in caseload numbers which will result in having to have a waitlist as well as limited therapy services that also impacts on consultants' caseload.

Lynn Krausert and I met with the Claire and Barb the MTC trainers to discuss costs and what would be involved in training 2 BC people to be trainers for MTC. Projected costs and training outline has been summarized and will be reviewed at the PSC meeting.