

**Infant Development Program of British Columbia  
Report to the Provincial Steering Committee  
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The last days of summer have faded into what proves to be a busy fall. Over the summer, work continued to move forward on a number of initiatives. Some of these projects have come to be realized and we are moving on to the next phases.

**Initiatives:**

**LINKED DISC BC:**

Currently there are 2 programs in the Region using the system, Vancouver and Richmond. There are some aspects of the project that have not been completed to this point, but remain an integral part of the usefulness of the system. It is my hope that many of the IDP's and AIDP's in the Region will use the system in the near future once it is complete. In July I went to Squamish to present and demo the system to the staff of the Sea to Sky IDP and SCDP. In June I presented to the North Shore IDP and in July to the ED, support staff and Annie Wolverton of the Burnaby IDP. The LINKED DISC Steering Committee will meet this fall to determine a completion date.

**Regional In-service:**

On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009, Annie Wolverton and I hosted a Regional In-service for the staff of the Lower Mainland IDPs. The invitation was extended to Aboriginal IDP's, Supported Child Development Program and the Aboriginal SCDP's. The morning consisted of 2 speakers. The first to present was Claire Yambao, Regional Trainer for Prevent shaken Baby syndrome of BC. Claire presented information on the Period of Purple Crying Initiative. The second speaker was Dr. Naznin Virji-Babul who presented the latest brain research findings that the Down Syndrome Research Foundation has been working on. The participants overwhelmingly responded that this was the "best and most informative" Regional In-service they had attended in some time and requested to have more of Dr. Virji- Babul.

Original plans for in-service were to have Dr. Wendy Hall present on sleep. Many staff was unable to attend the in-service and requested to invite her in the fall when more could attend.

There is another Regional In-service organized for this September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> for the staff of the Lower mainland IDP's and associative programs. There was a request from the field to have David Lloyst present his half day introduction to "Reference and Regulation" and the full 2 day workshop. Staff will have the choice of half day or the full 2 day.

**Gesell Kit Safety Committee:**

Annie Wolverton and I met twice over the summer to develop the Gesell Kit Safety Information letter and a letter to the agencies reminding them of the need to complete an inventory and kit inspection on regular basis. We are waiting final approval from the Committee before they will be disseminated to the community. It was recognized that there will need to be some revisions to the IDP manual in the next edition.

**Provincial In-service:**

Many staff from the region will be attending this falls exciting in-service.

**Program contact:**

This summer I met with the supervisor of the North Shore Program to discuss training opportunities for a new Consultant who will be starting with their Program in September. This summer one long term Consultant retired from the program and the supervisor is currently off on leave. I have offered to provide some training opportunities through the Vancouver IDP for the new staff and to support the acting supervisor.

The Regional Advisors have had regular phone contact this summer. We were able to plan for Summer Institute coverage, fall in-service, and keep informed of changes around the Province and to support Amelia in the Provincial office. The latter is really the other way round. Amelia did a fantastic job pulling Institute together and planning for fall in-service and keeping the Regional Advisors well informed.

Finally I would like to wish Judith Oldfield congratulations on her retirement from her work as IDP Consultant with the Victoria Program and thank her for all her hard work and contributions she has made to many, many families and children and her community. I am so pleased that Judith will continue her valuable work as Regional Advisor to the Island and the Provincial IDP office.