

Report to the Provincial Steering Committee  
Infant Development Program of British Columbia  
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Bonnie Barnes, the Regional Advisor for the Vancouver/Coastal Region of the IDP of BC, has been collaborating with me to hold the Lower Mainland IDP Supervisors' meetings every month. These meetings are a great source of support and a venue to share new information and to problem-solve about common issues, such as lengthy wait lists in the programs.

Bonnie and I have been organising the training for the new Infant Development Consultants in the Lower Mainland. This year we are trying a new model for the training by spreading the training out in terms of time and location. We have held one all-day training session on the ASQ and ASQ:SE, a half-day on homevisiting, a half-day on grieving, and a half-day on motor development and vision. These training events have been held at sites across the Lower Mainland. I would like to sincerely thank Bonnie, Jane Scott, Michaela Wooldridge, Maryanne Robinson and Ann Reiner for their hard work and enormous contributions to making these workshops so successful. We are continuing to plan further training for the new staff, the Aboriginal IDP and always welcome experienced staff to attend as well.

Unfortunately, while this new model of spreading out the training has worked well for the Consultants in the Lower Mainland, it has excluded new staff from outside of the area. To help alleviate this problem, Bonnie and I have discussed the option of having Ann Riener and Lynn Rogers travel to other parts of B.C. to provide the same workshops to new Consultants in other areas. Another plan we have proposed is to offer these workshops at the next Provincial In-service for new Consultants while simultaneously offering different topics for experienced staff.

I have received calls and email requests to provide training within the Lower Mainland area and elsewhere in the Province. The requests have all been for training in the ASQ and ASQ:SE. I have passed these requests along to the other Regional Advisors this past winter.

All of the Regional Advisors have been planning the Gesell training which will take place on May 22 and 23, 2007 in Vancouver. We have also been discussing new ways to teach the Gesell and carry out the Gesell training.

I recently attended a presentation on a database used locally and it was interesting to see how it compared to the work of Herb Chan. I participated in the Provincial conference

call regarding pediatric physiotherapy services in B.C. There is a strong commitment to work towards having equitable opportunities for children across B.C. to obtain pediatric physiotherapy.

Just prior to the end of the fiscal year, March 1, 2007, I was inundated with requests for Gesell Assessment kits. I have to replenish the stock and locate a few new providers for some of the items since it has been a while since I have had this many requests at one time.