

**REPORT TO THE PROVINCIAL STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE
INFANT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
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Since the last report, Bonnie Barnes, the Regional Advisor for the Coastal Region for the IDP and I have finished the training we had organized for the new Infant Development Program staff. The evaluations for these extensive training events have not been completed yet, however the feedback was positive from both the new Consultants and experienced Consultants who attended the training. The Aboriginal Infant Development Consultants were invited to attend all of the tours and training which Bonnie and I organized and we met many of the new AIDP staff. There are many conferences and training events currently taking place as well as coming up this Fall which are all suitable and relevant to Infant Development Consultants.

The Infant Development Program Provincial Inservice and Gesell training will place in October. The Regional Advisors will be teaching the Gesell Assessment and there is a lot of anticipation about to the Inservice. There have been some in-depth discussions taking place about offering the Gesell training and other assessment training to sites throughout B.C. thereby making it more accessible to Infant Development Consultants in the Province.

The Summer Institute with Dr. Gerald Mahoney on Responsive Teaching was excellent. Dr. Mahoney is an out-standing teacher who is very motivating and inspiring. Many of the students in the class are going to work on Dr. Mahoney's program and become certified. Dr. Mahoney's program is an ideal fit with the IDP philosophy, assessment, program planning and intervention.

During the Summer Institute an important meeting took place with Diana Elliot, the Provincial Advisor for the Aboriginal Infant Development, the Aboriginal Regional Advisors and the Regional Advisors for the Infant Development Program. A dialogue began which is long overdue about how we can mentor each other and help the two Programs work together with increasing collaboration. We agreed to continue with these meetings to further our understanding of how we can all work together and learn from each other.

The Regional Advisors are continuing to work on writing a module on home visiting. This will be used to maintain our awareness of the importance of home visiting and the components necessary to make the home visit effective.