

INFANT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
REPORT TO THE PROVINCIAL STEERING COMMITTEE  
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I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and lots of time for rest and relaxation.

**July 2- 11:** Summer Institute. The course was entitled Infants with Hearing Loss: Infant Mental Health Considerations in Educational Interventions. Lori Bell and I co-facilitated the course with many community presenters.

**July 12-15:** Brain Conference, exceptional material presented. Conference syllabus available to anyone who is interested.

**August 21- 23:** Special Link Inclusion Conference in Winnipeg. A terrific conference and conference outline is available. I was fortunate to connect with Heather Boyd from McMaster who has completed work on the MPOC which we are hoping to use as a preliminary survey for families in the IDP.

It has been a very productive fall.

Student liason with UBC. The courses for the certificate and diploma program are increasing in enrollment. Jo-Anne Chilton, at EPLT, is an amazing help to many, many of our students.

**Sept. 10:** Attended meeting in Victoria re: LINKED-DISC, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> was the official roll out date where the 4 pilot sites are now live and entering real data.

Regional news;

**Sept. 17:** Met with new regional coordinator for BCEHP.

Regional Conference calls continue to be extremely useful to build community connections as well as address clinical questions and community, regional and provincial trainings.

Met with Richard King discussing communication strategies for our region.

**Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>:** *It was with great sadness that I attended the funeral of Anu Tirrel- Jones. Anu was an occupational therapist for over 30 years. In the last 7 years she did outreach to the communities of the Robson Valley, Vanderhoof, Fraser Lake and Fort St. James from the Prince George Child Development Center. Anu was returning to Prince George after home visiting in Vanderhoof when the car accident occurred. The entire northern early intervention community grieves her loss and the loss for her family and friends.*

Individual contact with programs continues to focus on sharing resources and information, linking with services and follow-up with trainings etc.

**October 20-22:** Lynn, Judith and I will be involved in the training at the Northern Aboriginal ECD conference in Prince George. We will be providing training in the Gesell, Make the Connection and Instructional Principles Workshop.

**Nov. 3-7<sup>th</sup>:** Provincial Inservice