

**Infant Development Program of British Columbia
Report to the Provincial Steering Committee
September 13th, 2007 North Region**

I hope everyone had a relaxing summer and feels renewed and refreshed to start the work this fall.

June 25-27: The Regional Advisors met and spent three very productive days developing an outline for the “Home Visiting with Families who have Children with Disabilities” curriculum. The focused time together was very beneficial to get to this point of development and we each have a module to research and develop further. We also spent some of this time providing input into a new job description for the Regional Advisor position. This too is in draft form and Dana will be working on it further.

June 6th: Prince Rupert for staff orientation and review. It was very beneficial as a team to revisit the IDP Manual to look at the guidelines around practice. It was also helpful to consult with the SCDP staff and look at strategies so everyone can work together as a team for early intervention. We also had a visit to the AIDP site and met some of the staff. We have tentatively planned to meet again in October for ASQ and ASQ-SE training for the community.

July 9-20th. Summer Institute: Responsive Teaching. This was an excellent course and we met in the evening to discuss how we can support and implement this strategy in programs all over the province. It is a parent- mediated curriculum that gives us specific strategies to support parents in being responsive, aware and sensitive to their children’s verbal and non- verbal cues. These strategies are consistent with the types of interactions we have with parents and give us many new ideas.

July 12th. PCMG Meeting

July 19th- Call with Anita Zakresky (Regional Advisor for AIDP) discussion around training needs and ideas for North Region.- we will be following up with this in the fall.

July 31st was my last day of consultant work in the Robson Valley for one year. We were fortunate to hire Lotte Rauter to fill this position. Lotte is well known in the community as she operates the Valemount Preschool program. Lotte will be attending the Provincial Inservice in October so will have an opportunity to meet with other consultants from the North and all over the province. Welcome to IDP Lotte.

In the Faculty of Education, I am currently taking “Early Childhood Education- Review of the research”, “Research Methodologies in Education” and “Critical Issues in Special Education”. I think this will be an exciting opportunity to integrate practice and research on a daily basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Stewart