

**Infant Development Program of British Columbia
Report to the Provincial Steering Committee
February 15, 2007**

Vancouver Coastal Region

It seems impossible to be able to talk about the happenings of the past 2 months without a mention about the weather. Vancouver and the coastal areas survived the winds, snow and rain and the occasional day of sunshine resulting in a number of cancelled visits and meetings.

Iniatives:

- **Mentoring Vancouver urban AIDP** – There have been 2 meetings with participants from around the region. I have met with Marc Lalonde – Regional Advisor for AIDP Vancouver Coastal, to develop an **AIDP Mentoring Plan**. The Plan addressed : qualifications and qualities of the potential candidate, the need for long term commitment and financial investment (mentoring requires funding), funding options – first, the community or host agency could hire a fully qualified IDP Consultant on a full time basis to mentor, supervise and support the candidate, or the existing agency with qualified IDP Consultants to receive adequate funding to dedicate an IDP an IDP Consultant for a minimum of 2-3 days. The last area discussed was the scope of service.
- **The Partnerships** - I continue to participate on the Provincial Steering Committee. I am also a member of the Working Group for the Occupational & Physiotherapy Module.
- **Physiotherapy Planning Meetings** – There have been two teleconference calls to discuss ways to promote more effective collaboration between Physiotherapists in the communities and Infant Development Consultants.
- **LINKED DISK** - Ongoing participation.
- **Down Syndrome Research Foundation DSRF** – I met with Dana, Annie Wolverton, Dr. Grace Iarocci – Director of Research, Dr. Naznin Virji-babul director of Applied and Clinical Research to discuss their Learn and Play

Program LAPP and ways the IDP could collaborate with them. The LAPP is a series of play sessions for parents and infants that focus on assisting parents in recognizing and supporting social/ emotional competencies with their child rather than focussing on cognitive delays. Lesley Rappard, Infant Development Consultant with the Vancouver IDP will be working with the research team to develop a field manual for the LAPP that will so that it can be implemented in other communities.

Respectfully Submitted,

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