

Infant Development Program of British Columbia
Report to the Provincial Steering Committee
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This year our regional in-service was held on May 3rd and 4th in Powell River. Winnie and Sandy did an excellent job of organizing and welcoming all of us into their community. Each program was represented with 25 consultants from both IDP and AIDP in attendance. I facilitated an ASQ: SE workshop on the afternoon of the 3rd and we followed up with a discussion on existing services within our communities, the role of IDP consultants in relation to IMH and training and education needs. On Thursday evening we participated in a dinner to celebrated Sarah Jepson for her years of working with children and families in her community as an IDP consultant and her support to consultants as a regional advisor. Pictures of this event will be placed on our website. On Friday, Marilyn Carey presented on the training that is taking place provincially for infant mental health workers and Dana updated us on the Partnerships Project and the Early Hearing Screening Program. During the afternoon we shared regional resources and Sandy and Dana provided us with information and an activity on self-care.

I co-facilitated in the Gesell training on May 22nd & 23rd. We had a large group of approximately 50 consultants attending this year. I will be working with the other regional advisors over the summer to make some changes based on the feedback received from the evaluations consultants completed.

On May 24th I attended the Assessment Day at UBC. A highlight for me was hearing Dr. Tom Boyce work on resiliency in children.

As many of you know, Marilyn Hickey from the Port Alberni program will be retiring this month. I will be attending a retirement tea for her in Port Alberni on June 28th. Marilyn will be very much missed by all of us. She has been a strong support and advocate to children and families and a mentor and advisor to her colleagues in the Infant Development Program and community.

I would like to express a warm welcome to our new consultants: Lee Robinson in Port Alberni, Carol Hamilton who will be the manager of both SCD & IDP in Port

Alberni, Patsy Thomson in Nanaimo and Mandy Parenteau in Port Hardy as well as Ellen Kitson who has returned to the North island program.

The North Island Infant Development Program is moving their office and will be having an open house in September which I will be attending. In the fall I will be observing the Port Alberni program and I will be scheduling ASQ/ASQ: SE training in North Island. In September I will be arranging teleconference calls every 4-6 weeks as a way to continue to share information and support each other in the work we do.

I continue to participate on the committee for PT services to IDP. I am planning to explore the possibility for training on "Motor Development" with our regional advisor for physiotherapy services, Serena Rata.

Over the next few months, I will be working with the other regional advisors on developing a module for home visiting training with the focus on working with families whose child has a disability.

I am looking forward to attending summer institute In July.