

Infant Development Program of British Columbia
Report to the Provincial Steering Committee
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Vancouver Island Region
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I continue to have contact with programs by email, and phone calls. I made a visit to the Port Alberni Program and spent the day with Carol Hamilton and Lisa Heavenor to discuss resources, programming and guidelines. Our regional in-service which was held in Port McNeil in May was well attended with representation from most programs in the region. We all appreciated the information and discussion led by Dr. Patricia Janssen on the impact of family violence and children's' development. We agreed that often this is often not addressed when we are speaking with families and facilitating parent groups and we need to have more awareness and continued discussion on this topic. We also had the opportunity to discuss the role of the Child Youth Mental Health Team and appreciated Dana's presentation on the role of the Infant Development Program and Infant Mental Health. We looked at regional resources with the focus on education and training needs for consultants in the area of Infant Mental Health.

Forty-seven consultants from IDP and AIDP attended the Gesell Training at UBC in May. The majority of the consultants were new to the program and were participating for their first time. The regional advisors are continuing to streamline this training and are working toward having the PowerPoint presentations revised, videos updated and the handouts electronic by the next training in the fall.

The regional advisors continue to meet by teleconferencing regularly and by meeting during trainings, in-services and when we are in Vancouver for conferences and Provincial meetings. I continue to meet by teleconference on the committee for the Provincial IDP/Pediatric Physiotherapy Network.

I have been in contact with Julia Rose MCFD consultant for Children and Youth with Special needs. We have scheduled a meeting for the end of this month. We will plan to schedule monthly teleconference call in the region beginning in the fall.

I have organized the Infant Massage Training again this year. Consultants from both AIDP and IDP from all over the province are participating in this intensive 4 day training from June 17th to June 20th. We are very privileged to have as our trainer, Sylvie Hetu from Montreal, who is a master trainer for IAIM-Canada.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer.