



**Office of the Provincial Advisor
Aboriginal Supported Child Development Programs**

2nd Quarter Report

July 2014 to Sept 2014

Activity Report for the ASCD Provincial Advisor
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Highlights of Provincial ASCD Advisor Activities:

This quarter has been a slower time for the AIDP and ASCD Provincial office as ASCD staff go away on vacation and some ASCD programs shut down. This has given me the opportunity to further settle into my role and also become more familiar with the many areas of the Partnership project. My work to continue communicating with ASCD programs and partners has continued via the ASCD Connections Summer E-newsletter and also through starting an ASCD Social Media Facebook site for further communication and promotion of Aboriginal Supported Child Development. These two avenues for sharing information with community members and programs interested in ASCD have proven very successful and I will expand the ASCD e-news to include AIDP in the next quarter. Recently I have joined the Infant and Child Professional Development Association of BC as a representative of ASCD and to also foster further communication and networking with SCD and ASCD. Our office is currently hosting an AIDP and ASCD photo contest to encourage programs to share their program pictures with our office. The pictures we have been receiving have been wonderful.

Our AIDP and ASCD Committee met face to face in Richmond in September and our Regional Advisors continue to work hard within their regions to support AIDP and ASCD. The Provincial Steering Committee will be utilizing their collective voice to provide a letter to advocate on behalf of our programs that did not receive the recent ASI-EY funding. The letter has some questions and recommendations for Procurement and will be forwarded to Dena Carroll on behalf of the AIDP and ASCD Steering committee. Diana and I have been anxiously awaiting our meeting that has been postponed with the Assistant Deputy Minister, Randy Mjolsness for Oct 17th 2014 to discuss key issues relating to our office and the Professional Development fund. I let Regional Advisors know at our face to face meeting in September that I will be completing another round of ASCD data collection at the end of November and through December of 2014.

Program visits have been a priority with many programs being visited in my travels through the Coast Fraser North and other areas of the province such as Williams Lake and the Okanagan. I have been advocating and supporting Osoyoos Indian Band and the other two South Okanagan Bands with their ASCD Contract and mentorship with SCD. I was able to provide a letter to their MCFD Community Services Manager to ensure they are able to keep over \$27,000 of unspent ASCD funds rather than returning it to MCFD. The three communities are very happy that they are now able to keep this ASCD funding.

Elaine and I have been successful in maintaining the Partnership Project deliverables during this transition and there have been several community Partnership sessions that have taken place over the past few months and two Facilitator trainings that have been planned for the fall in West Kelowna and Williams Lake. We continue to get many calls from interested professionals requesting future Partnership training.

The following are updates from the various committees I have participated on:



Committee Updates:

Professional Development Fund:

The meeting that our AIDP and ASCD Provincial office made to meet with the Deputy Minister on Sept 25th in Victoria was cancelled and rescheduled for Oct 17th 2014. A briefing note has been put together from our office to the Deputy Minister to discuss the depleting professional

development funds. More and more the professional development fund has been receiving applications asking us to go outside of our guidelines to support requests. The committee has discussed looking at changing guidelines, but as the fund will be depleted in less than 18 months, it was agreed that guidelines should not be changed at this time and that the committee should focus their work on advocating for ongoing funding.

FOPP:

There have been no FOPP meetings within this fiscal reporting period as the FOPP has been circulated to programs. There may still be a small amount of fund remaining of \$3000 - \$5000 that has been left in the account for future revisions or additions of a user guide that the committee had discussed as an option. The committee is waiting to see how the field uses the FOPP and evaluate it at a later date. No date has been suggested at this point.

Assessment Working Group:

The Interior region is hosting three DAYC2 training in the Interior in October and November and I will be participating in the 2 day DAYC2 training in West Kelowna lead by Michaela Wooldridge. Next assessment meeting will be set for November 2014 and there have been no updates during this time until the next committee meeting

International Indigenous Early Childhood Education Conference Planning Committee

The IIECE Conference is set for July 18th – 23rd 2016 in Victoria on the Songheas First Nations territory. The funding proposal request to Scotia Bank for \$10,000 each year over 2 years to support this conference is finalized for submission on behalf of the AIDP and ASCD Provincial office. Our office was able to secure Cindy Blackstock for the opening key note address.

Aboriginal Early Years Advisory Circle

The AEYAC had a teleconference on September 29th 2014. Participants shared whether they were successful or unsuccessful in receiving ASI-EY funding. For the programs that were unsuccessful, many felt that the follow up call with the Procurement office was not very helpful. The AEYAC would like to confirm the current status of the AEYAC with MCFD and also send a strong message that the circle members have been chosen for their leadership and that we would still like to be a strong voice for issues affecting AECD. Our AIDP and ASCD Provincial office has a meeting with the Deputy Minister on Oct 17th 2014 to discuss a few key areas, as well as pass along this message from the group.

Partnership Project Committee

The Partnership Committee has been supportive of the change of the Partnership project to our office and has been providing guidance and support. The Communication module will be updated this winter and spring working with Zoe Watts. As well the Behaviour module has also been identified for updating in the near future. The committee has talked about the future sustainability of the Partnership Project as the funds will be expended approx. by the end of 2015 if not sooner. There may be a sub-committee formed for fundraising.

BC Healthy Child Development Alliance

This continues to be a large committee of many different representatives from the Ministry of health, education, maternal child health, infant and child development. Diana and I continue to both sit on this committee for networking and resource sharing opportunities at all levels.

Training Opportunity:

September 16th 2014 - Facilitated ASQ3 and ASQ/SE training in Vanderhoof, BC for 12 participants

I organized a community Partnership Training in Positive Approaches to Behaviour in New Aiyansh for the beginning of Oct 2014

Partnership Project Facilitator Training in Family Centred Practice and IPW planned for Oct 20-22nd 2014 in West Kelowna.

Partnership Project Facilitator Training in FASD and IPW planned for Nov 3rd-5th in Williams Lake.

Committee/Meetings Attended:



July 2014:

- July 2nd – AIDP and ASCD Website Meeting
- July 2nd – Infant and Child Development Association of BC – AGA
- July 7th – Meeting at Okanagan Nation Alliance to meet with AECD Coordinator
- July 8th – Meeting with SCD/IDP Regional Advisor of Interior (Wendy Kenward) at PDCRS
- July 10th – Meeting with Diana and AIDP regional Advisor Connie Deane – Kelowna, BC
- July 14th – ASI/EY debriefing tele-conference
- July 16th – Vancouver Island In-service planning tele-conference call
- July 28th – International Early Childhood Development Gathering tele-conference

August 2014:

- Aug 1st – Aboriginal CATCH Meeting – Partnership presentation
- Aug 20th – Meeting with Danielle Smith Early Years Office
- Aug 21st – Meeting with Osoyoos, Lower and Upper Similkameen and SCD
- Aug 26th – Mitchell Evaluation Networking Gathering – West Kelowna

September 2014:

- Sept 2nd – BCAAFC yearly staff meeting
- Sept 3rd – Meeting with Diana Elliott and Daniele Smith (Early years Strategy)
- Sept 8th – Professional Development Fund Tel-conference
- Sept 11th – Partnership Project Committee Tele-conference
- Sept 15th – International Indigenous Early Childhood Development Tele-conference
- Sept 22nd – AIDP & ASCD Regional Advisors Face to Face meeting (Richmond)
- Sept 23rd – AIDP/ASCD Provincial Steering Committee Face to Face meeting (Richmond)
- Sept 25th – AIDP and ASCD Website meeting
- Sept 29th – Professional Development Fund Tele-conference
- Sept 29th – Aboriginal Early Years Advisory Circle Tele-conference

Program/Community Visits:

1. Westbank First Nations – Site Visit
2. Okanagan Nation Alliance – Site Visit
3. Desniqui ASCD Program in Williams Lake – Site Visit
4. Cariboo Metis ASCD Program in Williams Lake – Site Visit
5. Cariboo Friendship Centre ASCD in Williams Lake – Site Visit
6. Cariboo Child Development Association in Williams Lake – Site Visit
7. Metis Community Services ASCD in Kelowna – Site Visit
8. Osoyoos Indian Band ASCD – Site Visit and by Phone
9. Lower Similkameen Indian Band ASCD – By Phone
10. Upper Similkameen Indian Band ASCD – By Phone

11. Seabird Island Indian Band ASCD – Site Visit
12. Stolo Nation ASCD in Chilliwack – Site Visit
13. Ridge Meadow ASCD in Maple Ridge – Site Visit
14. Langley ASCD – Site Visit
15. Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre ASCD – Site Visit
16. Reach ASCD in Delta – Site Visit
17. Spirit of the Children ASCD in New Westminster – Site Visit
18. Victoria Friendship Centre ASCD – Site Visit
19. ASCD Vanderhoof – Site Visit/Training
20. Nisga'a ASCD Program – By Phone
21. Mount Currie ASCD Program – By Phone
22. Bella Coola ASCD Program – By Phone



Workshops/Conferences/Gatherings attended:

August 22nd 2014 - Aboriginal Success by Six Granny and Grandpa Connection Box Facilitation Training on at Westbank First Nations

Volunteered at Central Okanagan Aboriginal CATCH Family Gathering at Westbank First Nations



What's ahead?

- October 17th meeting with the Assistant Deputy Minister and MCFD to discuss ongoing challenges with ASCD and AIDP and advocate for ongoing support from Ministry for Children and Families to the Professional Development Fund for training for SCD/ASCD and IDP/AIDP
- Finalize protocol between 3 AIDP/ASCD programs in Kamloops
- Continue to create awareness of ASCD through meetings with leadership and relevant stakeholders
- ASCD Facebook site maintained and Fall issue of ASCD Connections Newsletter in conjunction with AIDP, as begin development of communication plan for office/regions
- Finalize ASCD Website and Partnerships Project Website
- Implement Partnerships Facilitator Training in West Kelowna and Williams Lake
- Vancouver Island and North ECD In-service
- DAYC2 Training in Kelowna and BCACCS Conference
- ASCD Provincial Data Collection

Respectfully submitted by:

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