



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

2nd Quarter Report

July 2016 to Sept 2016

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



By far, the greatest highlight from the 2nd quarter was having the privilege of being a part of the planning committee for the 2nd International Indigenous Early Childhood Development Gathering at the Songhees Wellness Centre from July 18th to July 22nd 2016. This amazing event took place on the traditional territory of the Lukwungen Nation and had approximately just over 100 in attendance including volunteers and the planning committee. The pictures shared within the Summer AIDP/ASCD E-news are just a small reflection of the absolutely thought provoking and inspiring week experienced by the many delegates that attended. The AIDP & ASCD Provincial Office is so grateful for the generous donations provided by the many sponsors and funders. The Ministry for Children and Family Development provided a generous contribution and ensured that 10 of

their MCFD staff were in attendance. The next IIECD Gathering will be hosted in Seattle, Washington in 2019. For more pictures and videos - you can go to www.facebook.com/IIECD

Looking back over the last three months, July was dedicated to preparing for the IIECDG, and being a part of it. As well, I participated in a staff evaluation with the General Manager of BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres on July 15th 2016.



In the beginning of August I took two weeks of vacation from August 2nd to August 15th 2016. I was able to connect with a few programs over the slower summer months and did program visits to REACH ASCD program and Spirit of the Children ASCD, as well as connecting with a number of programs in person at the Fraser Regional AIDP/ASCD meeting.





In September, Diana Elliott and I did joint program visits to the Nisgaa AIDP and ASCD program outside of Terrace, BC in Greenville. I was able to provide one day of ASQ3 and ASQ/SE2 training for approximately 20 early childhood professionals from the 4 Nisgaa communities, while Diana provided the second day of training. I did note that there are certainly unique challenges in providing early intervention programming in remote and isolated communities. It was a strong reminder to myself of the importance of Jordon's Principle and

professionals, with the support of decision makers, working towards ensuring it is being implemented for those children needing early services within remote and on-reserve communities.

Throughout the second quarter I have been trying to utilize every opportunity I can to continue to move the ASCD Provincial Policy work forward with a small dedicated group of ASCD professionals. The working group was able to meet face to face once in July, once in August and again in September 2016. With everyone's work and vacation schedules over the summer months, it was a bit of a challenge to find the time, but thankfully we were able to. The working group is confident that the ASCD policy with revisions to the guidelines manual will be completed by the extended deadline of November 30th 2016.



The ASCD Regional Advisor position for the Interior has not been posted by MCFD yet and I have been in regular contact with Lori Lucier – Interior CYSN/ECD to follow up on this crucial role needing to be filled as soon as possible.



Our Provincial Office wants to give a big CONGRADULATIONS to Natasha Jones (AIDP/ASCD Regional Advisor for Fraser South). She welcomed a healthy baby boy into the world in August 2016. We could not be happier for her growing family!

Heading into the later fall and winter months, the AIDP & ASCD Provincial Office is anticipating the RFP that will be posted by MCFD for the potential of a new host agency for the office. Decisions will be made regarding the host agency for the AIDP & ASCD Provincial Office by March 2017 with the office secured by April 1st 2017.



Committee Updates:

Professional Development Fund:

The committee continues to monitor the annual funding provided by MCFD to support professional development of IDP/AIDP/SCD/ASCD. Currently ASCD professionals continue to access the fund the least of the 4 disciplines.

IDP/AIDP/SCD/ASCD Network:

This network keeps the 4 disciplines connected. There has not been a network meeting in this quarter. There is the need to discuss next steps for distributing the remaining DAYC2 kits, DAYC2 Manuals and DAYC2 Forms to IDP/AIDP/SCD/ASCD.

International Indigenous Early Childhood Gathering Planning Committee:

I have been honoured to be a part of the planning committee for the 2nd International Indigenous Early Childhood Development Gathering in Victoria, BC. The event was an absolute success, with the next gathering taking place in Seattle, Washington in 2019.

BC Healthy Child Development Alliance:

This is a committee I continue to attend so that I can be connected to the large network of professionals and agencies that sit on it. As well, regular updates are given from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry for Children and Family Development and the Early Years Office.

Professional Development and Training WEB Portal Working Group:

This short term working group has been formed to give feedback to the development of the Early Childhood Development Training and Professional Development Web Portal. This project has been funded by the Early Years Office of MCFD and is almost complete.

Partnerships Project Steering Committee:

This committee continues to meet regularly to oversee the direction and priorities of the Partnerships Project Training in BC.

ASCD Provincial Policy Working Group:

The ASCD PP working group remains as a small, dedicated working group of ASCD professionals and a parent rep that are completing ASCD Provincial Policy with an end date of November 30th 2016.

Early Intervention Prioritization Working Group:

This is a short term working group of representatives from a variety of agencies in BC to assist MCFD in developing an Early Intervention Prioritization Framework for BC. This framework is being finalized in the next few months.

Training Review Working Group:

This is a short term working group that has been put together to review the training provided to maternal child health professionals working within the First Nations Health Authority.

Partnerships Project Training Update:

There are a number of initiatives underway with the Partnerships Project. The Positive Approaches to Behaviour Module updates are being finalized by Jan 2017. There will be a pilot Facilitator Training in the POB module in the lower mainland in the spring of 2017. The FASD module has been revised and there will be an FASD Facilitator Training November 14th to 16th 2019 in West Kelowna. The committee has been moving forward with the potential of piloting the Communication module into an online format, as well as doing revisions and new communication videos. The PP Strategic Plan will be presented to the AIDP & ASCD Steering Committee in October 2016 to discuss the future sustainability and priorities of the Partnerships Project in BC.



Committee/Meetings Attended:

July 2016:

July 4th IIECDG Planning Committee
July 4th ASCD Provincial Policy Meeting with Kathy Pitlar
July 11th IIECDG Planning Committee
July 14th ASCD Provincial Policy Meeting
July 15th Staff Evaluation with BCAAFC General Manager
July 16 -23 2nd International Indigenous Gathering – Victoria, BC

August 2016:

Aug 16th Delta/Surrey ASCD Program Visit – REACH CDC
Aug 17th ASCD Provincial Policy Meeting – Spirit of the Children
Aug 22nd Meeting with the SCD Regional Advisor – Interior – RE: ASCD Policy
Aug 24th Partnerships Project Meeting
Aug 25th MCSBC – Program visit

September 2016:

Sept 12th BCAAFC Staff Meeting
Sept 13 -14th Nisgaa ASCD Joint Visit & ASQ Training
Sept 19th Quality Early Childhood Conference Call
Sept 19th Partnerships Project Committee
Sept 21st SIRF Regional Information Session
Sept 26th IIECDG Committee
Sept 29th Fraser Regional AIDP/ASCD Meeting
Sept 30th ASCD Provincial Policy Meeting – North Vancouver

Program Visits and Connected with the Following ASCDP:

Metis Community Services Society of BC
FRAFCA
Ridge Meadows ASCD
Seabird Island ASCD
Stolo ASCD
Langley ASCD
Spirit of the Children ASCD
Nisgaa ASCD
Upper Similkameen ASCD
Victoria Native Friendship Centre
REACH ASCD

All ASCD programs received the Summer E-news at the end of August 2016, which you can find attached to this report.



Workshops/Conferences/Gatherings attended:

July 15th to July 23rd 2016 – 2nd International Indigenous Early Childhood Development Gathering in Victoria, BC.

What's ahead?

- Work with the ASCD Regional Advisors to get their input into what should be the focus for this year's ASCD 2016 Data Collection.
- Finalize ASCD Provincial Policy and updates to the ASCD Guidelines Manual by November 30th 2016.
- Work with identified communities that have expressed interest in starting ASCD programs in their communities and facilitate discussions with MCFD. Some of the communities that have come forward to request NEW programs are:
 - Penticton Indian Band
 - Nanaimo Aboriginal Centre
 - Cowichan First Nations
 - North Vancouver Island Region
- Continue to work with the Partnerships Project committee to finalize updates to the Positive Approaches to Behaviour module and piloting the Communication module into an online learning platform. As well, utilizing the PP Strategic plan to apply for funding for the future sustainability of the Partnerships Project which includes developing new training modules to include:
 - Autism
 - Home-Visiting
 - Supporting Vulnerable Families
 - Culturally Safe Practices in Working with Aboriginal Children and Families

- Circulate the ASCDP FALL E-news with Regional and Provincial updates.
- Plan ASCD program visits to Prince George Native Friendship Centre, Secwepemc ASCD, Lii Michif Otipemisiwsak Family & Community Services, Stolo, FRAFCA, Ayas Men Men ASCD, Cranbrook.
- In partnership with key stakeholders such as BCACDI, continue advocating to MCFD for increases to ASCD/SCD, utilizing ASCD Provincial data and the ASCD/SCD wait time data report (April 2016), specifically having further discussions with the Early Years Office as we approach March 2017.

Respectfully submitted by:

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