



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

3rd Quarter Report

October, November and December 2014

Activity Report for the ASCD Provincial Advisor

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Highlights of Provincial ASCD Advisor Activities:

This has been a busy quarter heading into the fall and Christmas season. The public school strike which ran until the end of September affected many families with children who have extra support needs. Thankfully MCFD was able to provide some extra funding to SCD and ASCD programs already providing support to children on their caseload; but this left many staff and programs scrambling to access it and put supports in place for families until school resumed.

I had the privilege of attending both the Vancouver Island Regional In-service and the Northern ECD Regional training events in Courtney and Prince George to present on our Provincial office and connect with program staff. Both in-services were well organized with high quality workshops provided to participants. "Great work to all the Regional Advisors who assisted with organizing these trainings."

A few of our programs received funds to enhance their ASCD programs such as the three South Okanagan Bands, while we have a new ASCD program developing in Fort St. John. I met the new ASCD Consultant – Lyndsey Sprague when she attended Partnership training. Another ASCD contract has formed in the West Kootneys Boundary area with a new ASCD consultant hired to service the Grand Forks area. We unfortunately lost an ASCD program within the Kamloops area with White Buffalo Aboriginal and Métis Health Society.

Diana Elliott, Liz Cox and I also had a positive meeting with Dena Carroll and the Assistant Deputy Minister, Randy Mjolsness for Oct 17th 2014 to discuss key issues relating to the sustainability of the Professional Development fund and our Provincial office. A subsequent meeting with Dena Carroll in October determined that our office contract will be renewed with BCAAFC for another year. MCFD will begin an evaluation of our Provincial office starting in 2015 prior to the RFP for 2016 to guide the future services of our office and look at the host agency model.

I attended two days of DAYC2 Assessment training for the Interior and the BC Aboriginal Childcare Conference. I was able to connect with a number of ASCD staff attending these trainings. Our office continues to participate on numerous committees and calls to discuss the ongoing needs around assessment training in the identified tools. I continue to communicate with a large number of programs via email, our ASCD Facebook site and the ASCDP Connections e-news. The fall e-news that I circulated this quarter included, and will continue to include highlights from our AIDP programs. I have also been working on the new ASCD website.

We are continuing with our AIDP and ASCD photo contest to win a DAYC2 assessment kit. This will run until January 2015 and we are receiving some wonderful photos from programs.



Elaine and I have been extremely busy maintaining the Partnership Project deliverables and organizing trainings. There were two successful Facilitator Trainings in West Kelowna and Williams Lake in October and November, as well as a couple of community trainings. We continue to get many calls from interested professionals requesting future Partnership training.

Although I was off of work for medical reasons throughout December 2014, I was able to circulate the ASCD Data Collection 2014 Survey to our programs. To date have received almost 50% back from programs. I would like to say thank you to BCAAFC, Diana Elliott, Elaine Zamardi and my professional colleagues that extended their love and support to me during this difficult time. I am looking forward to 2015.

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



Committee Updates:

Professional Development Fund:

Our office will continue our dialogue with MCFD to determine how they will continue to support the Professional development funds in 2015. The next PD Funds committee meeting is Feb 20th 2015 and we anticipate being able to give more of an update at that time.

Assessment Working Group:

The Interior region hosted three DAYC2 training in the Interior in October and November. I participated in the 2 day DAYC2 training in West Kelowna. The North and Island regions are considering hosting DAYC2 Training in their regions in March 2015.

International Indigenous Early Childhood Education Gathering Planning Committee:

The IIECE Gathering is set for July 18th – 23rd 2016 on the Songheas First Nations territory. Our office submitted a proposal request in November to Scotiabank for \$20,000 over 2 years to support this conference. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in our application. I will be looking into other funding options in 2015.

Aboriginal Early Years Advisory Circle:

The AEYAC will continue meeting in 2015 to discuss the future direction of the circle and to maintain a unified voice in advocating for Aboriginal Early Childhood Development in BC

BC Healthy Child Development Alliance:

This continues to be a large committee of many different representatives and I will be presenting on AIDP and ASCD at the next face to face meeting in Vancouver on Feb 4th 2015.

Partnership Project Committee:

The Partnership committee has met over the last quarter to discuss the next steps in updating a few of the modules. The committee has talked about the future sustainability of the Partnership Project and there may be a sub-committee formed for fundraising.



Partnership Project

Partnership Project Training – (See separate report)

- Partnership Project “**Facilitator**” Training in Family Centred Practice and IPW took place on Oct 20-22nd 2014 in West Kelowna, which I attended.
- Partnership Project “**Facilitator**” Training in FASD and IPW took place on Nov 3rd-5th in Williams Lake, which Elaine Zamardi attended.

- **“Community”** Partnership Training in “Positive Approaches to Behaviour” was organized for New Aiyansh and Mackenzie in October to December. As well, community partnership sessions in “Communication” and “Family Centred Practice” took place this last quarter on Bowen Island.



Committee/Meetings Attended:

October 2014

- Oct 2nd & 3rd – Vancouver Island Regional In-service & presentation – in Person
- Oct 6th & 7th – Northern Region ECD Conference – in person
- Oct 9th – Provincial In service planning meeting - by phone
- Oct 9th – Partnership Project committee meeting - by phone
- Oct 17th – Meeting with Randi Mjolsness and Dena Carroll – MCFD – by phone
- Oct 21st – North Region SCD and ASCD meeting - by phone
- Oct 22nd – Assessment Committee meeting - by phone
- Oct 28th – Meeting with Dena Carroll (MCFD) and Diana Elliott - by phone

November 2014

- Nov 12th – Lower/Upper Similkameen & Osoyoos ASCD Meeting – Hedley – in person
- Nov 13th – Assessment Committee Budget meeting - by phone
- Nov 13th – IDP/AIDP and SCD/ASCD Network meeting - by phone
- Nov 18th – South Okanagan ASCD Meeting in Keremeos – in person
- Nov 19th & 20th – ASCD community needs assessment using Mitchell tool, Oliver –in person
- Nov 24th – ASCD and AIDP Interior Regional meeting - by phone
- Nov 25th – AIDP and ASCD Provincial Steering Committee meeting - by phone
- Nov 26th – ASCD meeting for Central Okanagan - Westbank

December 2014

Due to taking personal/medical leave from November 27th to December 19th 2014 and BCAAFC staff holidays were from December 22nd to Jan 2nd 2015; unfortunately no committees/meetings were attended in December by the ASCD Provincial Advisor.

Program/Community Visits:

1. Comox Child Development Association – Site Visit
2. Prince George Native Friendship Centre – Site Visit
3. Metis Community Services Society of BC – Site Visit/Mentoring
4. Upper Similkameen ASCD Hedley BC – Site Visit
5. Lower Similkameen ASCD program Keremeos – Site Visit
6. Osoyoos Indian Band ASCD – Site Visit and by Phone
7. Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre ASCD – By phone
8. Victoria Friendship Centre ASCD – By phone
9. Nisga’a ASCD Program – By Phone
10. Cariboo Friendship Centre Williams Lake – By phone
11. Healthy Beginnings Program Bella Coola – By phone
12. Westbank First Nations – In Person
13. ASCD Program, Fort St. John – Email and training for staff



Workshops/Conferences/Gatherings attended:

Oct 2nd & 3rd – Attended 2 days of training at the Vancouver Island regional in-service on feeding and swallowing issues in infants and young children and goal/report writing

Oct 6th & 7th – Attended “Traditional Parenting Facilitation Training” – Prince George Native Friendship Centre – Northern ECD In-Service

Nov 4th & 5th – Attended 2 days of Interior - DAYC2 Assessment training at Okanagan Nation Alliance in Westbank

Nov 7th, 8th & 9th – Attended BC Aboriginal Childcare Conference in North Vancouver (Autism, Early Childhood Rating Scale, Advocacy)



What's ahead?

- Work with MCFD to establish ongoing yearly funding for the IDP/AIDP and SCD/ASCD Professional development funds
- 2015/16 yearly work plan, budget and annual reports submitted
- Work with the regional advisors to support the protocol development between the two AIDP/ASCD programs in Kamloops, as the third ASCD/AIDP program (White Buffalo) has lost their program funding and to ensure transition of ASCD services.
- Continue to create awareness of ASCD through meetings with leadership and look for funding to support the IIECD Gathering in 2016
- Work to ensure that Assessment training is supported within the regions and provincially (pending a budget in 2015/16 to support training).
- Continue to offer support to build capacity for the three central Okanagan ASCD programs, as well as offer support to the Osoyoos ASCD program that administers ASCD on behalf of the three south Okanagan bands.
- North and Vancouver Island Regional In-services in Prince George and Courtney with DAYC2 Assessment Training.
- ASCD Facebook site maintained and winter issue of ASCD Connections Newsletter and photo contest completed.
- Launching the “new” ASCD Website and Partnerships Project Website and circulating my Aboriginal children’s cd to AIDP and ASCD programs in February.
- Implement Partnerships Facilitator Training in Victoria, BC in the FASD module.
- ASCD Provincial Data Collection for 2014 completed and report generated.
- Site visit to Cranbrook, West Kootneys, Grand Forks, Vancouver, Prince George, Victoria, Comox, Bella Coola, Vernon, Enderby, Fraser and Fraser.
- Form a working group to look at MCFD’s SCD outcome measurement model and outcome reporting tool for ASCD programs.

Financial Statement Attached

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