

## Aboriginal Infant Development and Aboriginal Supported Child Development Provincial Office



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Dear ASCD Coordinators and Colleagues,

I am happy to provide you with an electronic copy of the report on "*The Scope of Aboriginal Supported Child Development Services in BC.*" Coming out of the data collected from the 1<sup>st</sup> annual ASCD Information Gathering Questionnaire process carried out this past winter, this report provides a wide range of information regarding Aboriginal Supported Child Development (ASCD) programs in the 2013-2014 year.

Highlights of some of the information found in this report include:

- Numbers of children accessing ASCD services
- Types of group services provided by ASCD programs and initiatives
- ASCD staffing
- Professional development needs
- Funding being accessed to offer ASCD services.
- Stories of program successes, challenges offering support to children, and examples of weaving culture within ASCD services.

*The Scope of Aboriginal Supported Child Development Services in BC* report can also be found on the ASCD website under the "consultants" heading in the reports/newsletters tab.

I want to extend my sincerest gratitude to all the ASCD programs who were able to complete this questionnaire. Your efforts benefit all our ASCD programs in understanding the needs of ASCD programs, communities, and the children and families we support.

If you have comments or feedback regarding this report please email me directly at [advisor.ascdp@bcaafc.com](mailto:advisor.ascdp@bcaafc.com). Lastly, I want to thank all ASCD staff for your contribution and commitment in assisting Aboriginal children in reaching their full potential.

All my relations,

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