



ABORIGINAL INFANT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

2nd Quarter Report

July, August, September 2016

Activity Report from the
Aboriginal Infant Development Program
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The Second Quarter:

Here we are in fall already! Not sure what happened to summer. I was only able to take off one full week this summer, mostly due to the IIECD Gathering in July, but, I was able to take off a few Fridays for a few long weekends as well as time for my uncles memorial.

The IIECD Gathering was a success with a few minor glitches behind the scenes. The planning committee did a great job and I wish to acknowledge a couple of committee members. Alli Matchett, our AYIP (intern) did a very good job of staying focused and calm. I could learn a few things from her! She was respectful in her questioning and communications throughout her time with the planning committee and our provincial office and one of her final tasks was to compile the IIECD gathering evaluations. Thank you Joan Gignac for your support, coming to the Victoria office to add more planning support, ensuring we stayed on task and moving forward with everyone in a respectful way, and for your work with the IIECD budget from draft through to review and as we finish off all the payments through to reconciliation toward a balanced budget. All the other committee members including our Ontario colleagues did a great job. Connections with new colleagues and new friendships were formed. We hope to provide support to the Seattle planning committee who is taking on the 3rd annual IIECD Gathering in 2018 or 2019.

It is a bit hard to recall any of my other work this summer with such a focus for the months leading up to the IIECD, but did manage to stay busy.

We had to go through our e-mails to delete/archive and I confess I am one who never does this. It was a difficult, time consuming task that helped our server situation, but did not help me as I use my e-mail as an archive! We have just gone through a computer program change as well to Cloud 365, again a painful task from someone who is “mature” and who does not keep up with technology very well. Sigh.



Our AIDP manual is out to all our programs and MCFD folks as well as on our website. I look forward to focussing on and planning our AIDP 25th anniversary in 2017. AIDP community visits and training are being planned through the fall.

That's it for this quarter.

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STATUS OF CONTRACT DELIVERABLES AND ACTIVITIES:



Committee/Meetings Attended:

July:

1. July 4th – IIECD planning committee – by phone
2. July 4th – IIECD opening ceremony – in person – Victoria (Brad Dick – cultural support)
3. July 4th – AYIP check in – Intern and AYIP rep
4. July 11th – IIECD planning committee – by phone
5. July 12th – IIECD planning/Victoria office staff – in person (Joan Gignac)
6. July 28th – AIDP Practice Guidelines Manual – distribution plan – conference call with MCFD
7. July 28th – Song for IIECD Gathering – permission and thanks – Matt Stern – in person

August:

1. Aug. 3rd – Jacqueline Malone re: study of S/E programs and services – by phone
2. Aug. 15th – IIECD Gathering committee – by phone
3. Aug. 15th – Lesley Varley – connecting with new BCAAFC E.D.
4. Aug. 16th – AIDP Practice Guidelines Manual distribution – continued – by phone with MCFD
5. Aug. 17th – BCAAFC staff meeting/retreat
6. Aug. 22nd – farewell lunch for Alli (AYIP intern)

I took five vacation days in August.

September:

1. Sept. 7th – AIDP Practice Guidelines Manual distribution – check in – by phone with MCFD
2. Sept. 12th – Staff meeting – in person – VNFC – Victoria
3. Sept. 19th – Advocacy re: Quality Child care – by phone (regrets)
4. Sept. 19th – ACT Parent Coaching Project – by phone
5. Sept. 20th – EYO follow up – Deborah Schwartz – consultant – by phone
6. Sept. 26th – IIECD Gathering – finalizing budget etc. – by phone
7. Sept. 29th – discussion with MCFD re: info to the AIDP/ASCD steering committee – by phone

I took three vacation days in September. Down time was spent going through files, deleting, renaming etc. for the transition to the new program, Cloud 365. I finalized my transfer of files to the new program. Still a few wrinkles to sort out. Thanks to Alisa for her patience.



Workshops/Conferences/Gatherings (other):

July 18th – 22nd – IIECD Gathering – Songhees First Nations Wellness Centre – Victoria

Sept. 10th – Suicide Awareness/Prevention – Siem Lelum

Sept. 30th – Orange T-shirt Day – Tsow-tun-lelum





Program Visits: (in person)

1. Sept. 13th and 14th - New Aiyansh - Training for AECD professionals and community visits



Other Program Supports:

1. Numerous e-mails and calls re: AIDP manual
2. Posting job postings on our website
3. Posting training/workshops on our website
4. Request for reference letter of support
5. Debriefing re: changes in programming and job description. We will monitor as needed for further discussion or debriefing.
6. Discussion re: training for ASQ and Home Visiting for new AIDP staff.
7. Follow phone call interview with the Early Years Office



AIDP/ASCD Provincial Office Projects:

AIDP Policy Manual Revision: complete and circulated.

AIDP Data Collection: to begin in Feb/March.

IIECD Gathering 2016: finalizing budget and report/evaluation.

AIDP 25th Anniversary: Planning to begin at AIDP regional advisor meeting to launch in 2017

Professional Development Committee:

- The majority of funding requests continue to come from IDP/SCD/AIDP/ASCD in that order. Requests have been a bit more even in recent months. A complete breakdown will be available with the year-end report.
- Most recent requests have been for Circle of Security Training around the province.

Partnerships Project:

(Coordinated by Nadine and Elaine) I defer to Nadine Gagne-L'Hirondelle for this report.



What's ahead?

- *New* – Participation on the Domestic Violence Early Years Took Kit working group.
- HELP Fall Expo – as committee member
- BCACCS Conference – co-presenting
- Learning the new computer program – Cloud 365
- Plan training for Kwadacha AIDP (Fort Ware) – before winter sets in.
- Visits to central Vancouver Island AIDP (Nanaimo, Port Alberni, Campbell River)
- Possible visit to Sechelt (follow up to request from this summer)
- Check in with AIDP programs prior to data collection
- Review Mentoring Manual to consider revision as follow up to AIDP manual.

ACRONYMS used in this report:

1. BCAAFC – B.C. Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres
2. AYIP – Aboriginal Youth Internship Program
3. DAYC2 - Developmental Assessment of Young Children, Second Edition
4. IIECD – International Indigenous Early Childhood Gathering
5. ACT – Autism Community Training
6. BCACCS – B. C. Aboriginal Child Care Society

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IIECD in photo's – July 2016



Witnesses for the IIECD Gathering
At the Wednesday Cultural evening - UVIC



"Networking meeting" with workshop
presenters from New Zealand...
and my dad...



Australia Keynote - Jane Vadeloo and
Australian participants.



Yvonne Wilson – AIDP winner of free registration
With Cindy Blackstock – Keynote