

Early Childhood Development Department

2ND QUARTERLY MEETING

SEABIRD ISLAND BAND

PRESENTED BY
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OCTOBER 13, 2021

ECD Staff Team

➤ Highlights

- ECD/Mill Hall and OOSC Building were Cleansed with the assistance of Diana Kay(daughter) Many staff in attendance
- NEW ECD Facebook page for our families and others who participate in our programs
- Child and Youth Mental Health Clinic- will continue monthly in the ECD Building
- Sqewqel Gathering- ECD team, participated with craft tables and running of the carnival games.
- Staff working from home, if able, to limit the numbers in our ECD building – and following all the Covid Guild lines and Protocol that are in place

Aboriginal Infant Development Program



- Due to Covid, there has been many changes within this programs
 - More outside contact with families
 - More zoom meetings with families
 - Additional take home packages with resources and crafts/ supplies for the children
 - Many communities are still closed to outside visitors
 - Dream Catcher workshop for staff- to be able to do with families when able

Aboriginal Head Start on Reserve



- Closed for July and August
- Contact with families from Cheam, Skwah and Seabird over the summer months
- September, At home programs began for the 3 communities – with dinner and resources, crafts, etc. delivered on Friday's
- Supervisor- resignation as of Mid September, in the process of finding new person
- At home program will continue with some changes, pick up instead of delivery
- Received funding from First Nations Health Authority to re- do our outside playground, will be completed by end of March 2022

Aboriginal Supported Child Development/ Supported Child Development Program



- Hired 2 additional staff for the summer, and kept them on for the fall
- Numbers are increasing due to September's influx of children
- Family packages were made for the summer with activities to shared at home
- Virtual visits with staff, families and centres to keep connected
- Staff attended Family Carnival in Agassiz at Family Place
- High number of Support children for the summer months

Bus for Educational Aboriginal Resources



- Bear Bus has been in for upgrades and a new outside design
- Staff have been trying to keep in connection with the limited families which have been serviced in the past
- Bear will be hibernation for the winter, will resume in March as staffing allows

Ey'Qwal Speech and Language



- Visits with families have been limited due to restrictions
- Using Zoom, outside, and ECD building visits as much as possible
- Kindergarten reports were completed and mailed to families
- Hearing Clinic in September was huge success – 13 children were in attendance and received their hearing screening

Daycare

3's Preschool and 4's Preschool



- Daycare
 - numbers have been lower, due to families not feeling comfortable attending due to covid
 - Summer outings were local with all precautions in place
 - Enjoying the cultural time with our ECD Cultural Coordinator
- Preschool – 3's started September 20
 - Increased to morning and afternoon classes due to registration
 - Lower numbers to start due to covid- reluctant to bring children
- Preschool – 4's started September 13
 - Started off slow, due to higher covid cases but are slowly increasing to full capacity
 - Enjoying the cultural circle with Teacher from School

Out of School Care Summer Program



- Limited number for the summer program due to covid and unable to use the Mill Hall – as it was being used as an Evacuation Centre
- 7 Secondary students and 2 Post Secondary students worked for the Summer Program
- Local Outing, and Cultural events, speakers were a great part of the summer
- Our 2 post secondary students- stayed on to work in the OOSC program for this upcoming year

Stats at a Glance

PROGRAM	# of Children			# of Parents			# of Elders			# Seabird Members			# staff	Home Visits
	July	Aug	Sept	July	Aug	Sept	July	Aug	Sept	July	Aug	Sept		
AIDP	42	43	43	34	36	36	8	8	8	9	9		2	27 avg
ASCDP	22	22	23										4	
SCDP	13	13	21							7	7	7	4	
EyQwal	23	27	25	14	12	9							8	30 avg
B.E.A.R	8	8		5	5					2	2		1	
Daycare	31	33	32							19	18	18	11	
3's preschool			23									20	3	
4's preschool			12									7	3	
OOSC			21									16	2	
AHSOR			44			33			2			23	3	
Summer Program	34	34								23	23		9 students 2 staff	