



Early Childhood Development Department

3rd Quarterly Meeting
Seabird Island Band

PRESENTED BY
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ECD Staff Team

Highlights:

- MCFD Program participants were given gift baskets for families of the children they work with including snowsuits, mittens, hot chocolate, books and more.
- New SLP joined Ey Qwal team in November from FVCDC.
- Ey Qwal developed materials and content to present Sts'ailes ECE staff on Professional Development Day in November.
- Each child in ECD programs was given a goodie bag for Halloween and daycare attended a field trip to the pumpkin patch.
- 4's Preschool children attended fieldtrips to the Apple Barn and Cottonwood 4 Cinemas.
- Drive thru Christmas Breakfast for all ECD families. Received breakfast to make at home, child's gift and crafts.
- Criminal Record Checks are being updated for all staff who are due to renew.
- Staff working from home, if able, to limit the numbers in our ECD building – and following all the COVID guidelines and Protocols that are in place.
- Families and staff are checking the new ECD Facebook for updates, and to share information. Some families have posted personal photos after making Christmas breakfast and/or with gifts.



Aboriginal Infant Development Program

- **Due to COVID, there has been many changes within this program**
 - More outside contact and zoom meetings with families.
 - Many communities are still closed to outside visitors.
 - Weather has been a challenge with flooding and landslides that caused travel restrictions and the cancellation clinics.
 - In lieu of our annual winter family night, our programs has purchased winter gift baskets for families of children we work with (including snowsuits, mittens, hot chocolate, books and more).
 - Due to new COVID vaccine policy we are down one Support Staff.
 - Both consultants are now trained in Infant Massage.
 - Someone So Small was up and running for about 2 months with limited participants.



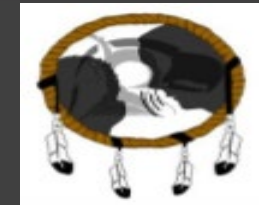
Aboriginal Supported Child Development/Supported Child Development Program

- Summer staff have transitioned well into full-time employment
- High number of Support children in preschool, daycare, OOSC and other centres.
- Virtual visits with staff, families and centres to keep connected.
- Staff attended Drive Thru Christmas Breakfast and distributed gifts and food to children and their families.
- New referrals/intakes completed in a timely manner.
- Many assessments have been done with psychologist Dr. Carter in Burnaby.
- A consultant is back from maternity leave.
- Hired 2 new support workers due to case load requirements, will start in January.



Aboriginal Head Start on Reserve

- At home program has continued with pick up instead of delivery.
- Assistant has created weekly packages for families to pick up. Packages include meals and activities.
- New program Supervisor hired, at end of December, to start in the new year.
- New program Coordinator hired, at end of December, to start in the new year.
- Director of ECD has connected with Cheam regarding the funding for upgrades and restarting their programs for this year.
 - Community is looking forward to having a program again and will take place in the Mill Hall.

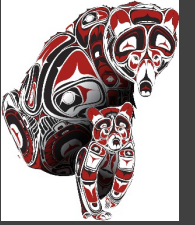


Ey' Qwal Speech and Language

- Ey' Qwal team presented Sts'ailes ECE staff with a workshop on a Professional Development Day in November. Staff developed and prepared content and materials to present.
- Hearing screenings have continued individually but the October clinic was cancelled due to high numbers of COVID.
- Enhanced COVID protocols due to high community transmission has resulted in fewer visits and fewer communities visited per day.
- Have continued to receive new referrals and have been building relationships with new children, families, and centres along the way.
- SLP was joined by a fellow SLP from Fraser Valley Child Development Centre. Both SLPs share the role of Ey Qwal SLP equally.
- Working hand in hand with AIDP and ASCD on assessments for children.



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Bus for Educational Aboriginal Resources

- BEAR Bus is in for upgrades and a new outside design.
- BEAR is in hibernation for the winter, will resume in March as staffing allows.



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AIDP/ACDP Regional Advisor for Fraser East and South

- Hosted and organized Monique Gray Smith's workshop on Oct 26th
- Updated mailing list, sent out new info regarding ECEBC, CCRR, MCFD and Liaison from Provincial Advisors to consultants.
- Working on a presentation for PEACE program proposal
- Hosted and organized the AIDP and ASCD general meeting
- Organized the Gabor Mate Event.



Daycare

3's Preschool and 4's Preschool

➤ Daycare

- Two new children on 3-5's side (but had to withdraw after 1 month due to road closures) and three new infant/toddlers.
- Enjoying exploring culture through indigenous foods, drumming, stories and more with ECD Cultural Coordinator.

➤ Preschool – 3's

- Lower numbers due to COVID – reluctant to bring children.
- Due to low attendance, morning and afternoon classes will be combined into morning class starting January 3rd, 2022.
- Staff and children have enjoyed the benefits of borrowing theme kits from Mission CCRR. Kits are dropped off and picked up by CCRR staff.

➤ Preschool – 4's

- Children are exploring Halq'eméylem language and learning names of colours, animals, counting and more.



Out of School Care

- Program registration is full, but attendance has been low due to COVID and inclement weather.
- Children have attended fieldtrips to Cottonwood 4 Cinemas with Daycare/4's Preschool Children in the months of October and December.
- Each child registered in program was presented with a Halloween goodie bag with candy and activities.
- Each child was given a Christmas gift and ingredients to make breakfast at home with their families.
- OOSC was open during the week prior to Christmas with children in attendance.

Stats at a Glance

Program	# of Children			# of Parents			# of Elders			# Seabird Members			# Staff	Home Visits
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Oct	Nov	Dec	Oct	Nov	Dec	Oct	Nov	Dec	2	
AIDP	23	19	26	25	28	26	3	4	6	3	7	5	4	9 Avg
ASCDP	7	11	16	6	4	0	1	2	0	1	2	2	4	
SCDP	14	19	11							7	8	8	8	
Ey Qwal	11	13	26	9	6	11	0	0	0	14	9	9	4	30 Avg
B.E.A.R.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Daycare	26	28	28							12	13	14	12	
3's Preschool	19	18	18							14	14	14	3	
4's Preschool	10	12	12							7	7	7	2	
OOSC	20	20	20										2	
AHSOR	44	44	44	29	29	29	2	2	2	23	23	23	2	

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