



Seabird Island

Early Childhood Development

Quarterly update for
April 2022

During the presentation out of respect for those presenting and those who are in attendance, we will be muting everyone's mics, until the presentation is complete.

Thank you for your understanding.

ECD Staff Team

Highlights:

- MCFD Program staff created Spring Easter baskets for families including treats and activities.
- BEAR Bus funding was distributed to communities to be spent for children 0 to 6 years.
- Ey Qwal provided books and finger puppets to go into the Spring Easter baskets for the children.
- All Daycare and Preschool families will be given Swim Passes from Chilliwack Leisure Landing & Real Canadian Superstore gift cards using Emergency Funding payment from British Columbia Aboriginal Child Care Society. Funds were for Family Wellness and Activity Kits.
- 4's Preschool, 3-5's Daycare and Out of School Care attended fieldtrip to Cottonwood 4 Cinemas.
- Out of School Care program was open for full-days for the 2 weeks of Spring Break to accommodate children from Kent and Harrison elementary schools.
- SASSET Contracts have been signed for Daycare.
- All new MCFD contracts have been signed and executed.
- All staff reviews have been completed in all departments.
- March madness has been completed, with surplus funds
- One time only funding has been spent for daycare program supplies and down payment for Strat Planning session in June.



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.
 - AIDP Consultant hired and started on March 28th.
 - Spring Easter baskets have been made up for each MCFD family and will be distributed in the week before Easter.
 - One support staff resigned from their position and another moved up into AIDP Consultant role.
 - Many new referrals in all programs.
 - **Intakes** are being done in a timely manner.
 - **Online Infant Massage** classes are being offered.



Aboriginal Supported Child Development/Supported Child Development Program

- Mass screening was completed at Angel Daycare in Agassiz
- Many new referrals for all programs.
- New referrals/intakes completed in a timely manner.
- High number of Support children in preschool, daycare, OOSC and other centres.
- Children on caseload doing great getting the supports they need at each centre shared or not.
- Attended report reading for a family that has been waiting 3 years for an assessment.
- Spring break was successful with support workers able to provide support in different programs.
- COVID-19 outbreaks continue to ease up resulting in no closures of centres.
- Easter Spring baskets were created for each family.
- Staff have been able to get into a normal routine after many restrictions were lifted.
- SCDP Consultant attended several sessions in New Westminster for assessments for two children, final meeting was in March.





Aboriginal Head Start on Reserve

- New Seabird Island Head Start Supervisor started in January, HS assistant returned.
- New Head Start Coordinator for Cheam and Skwah, started in January.
- Purchased lower, versatile furniture for new program and parent involvement.
- New HS cook hired and began training on March 30th.
- Design was decided for playground rubber surfacing.
- Construction has begun for the new HS playground on Seabird Island.
- Renovations have begun in Mill Hall washrooms for HS participants/staff.
- Seabird Island HS program set to start on April 5th.
- HS Supervisor and Coordinator attended workshop for Bringing Tradition Home.

Ey' Qwal Speech and Language

- COVID restrictions have been adjusted so staff can now return to doing multiple visits per day.
- SLP attended a workshop series for Speech-Language Pathologists put on by BC Family Hearing Resource Society on supporting families of children with cochlear implants.
- Held Ey Qwal Hearing Screening clinic Feb 25. Hearing clinics going well and busy.
- Updated our hearing screening consent forms.
- Completed year end funding report for MCFD.
- Ey Qwal provided books and finger puppets to go into the Spring Easter basket for the children in MCFD programs.
- Received many new referrals, team working hand in hand to provide support and services to all children on caseload.
- Self-Esteem Workshop and Speech-Language Development Workshop completed by both SLAs.





Bus for Educational Aboriginal Resources

- BEAR Bus is in shop for upgrades and a new outside design.
- BEAR Bus funding was distributed evenly to communities to be spent in regards to children 0 to 6 years.

AIDP/ACDP Regional Advisor for Fraser East and South

- 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

- Three new children on 3-5's side , one child completed Transition from Toddlers to 3-5s side, and three new infant/toddlers. One child withdrew on 3-5's side.
- Fun day for Valentine's day was a success with card exchange, wearing pine/red, fun snacks, cookie decorating and a treat bag to bring home.
- One time only funding has been spent for supplies and down payment for Strat Planning Session in June.
- Children attended fieldtrips to Cottonwood 4 Cinema and Play Abby during Spring Break 2022.

➤ Preschool – 3's

- Due to low attendance, morning and afternoon classes combined into morning class starting January 3rd, 2022.
- Two children withdrew from 3's Preschool

➤ Preschool – 4's

- Children are exploring Halq'eméylem language and learning names of colours, animals, counting and more.
- Children attended fieldtrips to Cottonwood 4 Cinema and Play Abby during Spring Break 2022.



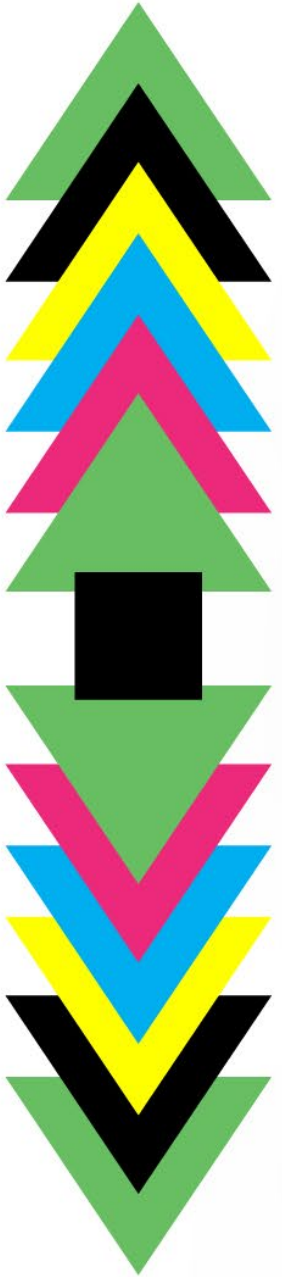
Out of School Care

- Program registration is full
- Children have attended fieldtrips to Cottonwood 4 Cinemas with Daycare/4's Preschool children.
- Children attended a fieldtrip to Cultus Lake Adventure Park during Spring Break
- Program was open for two full weeks during Spring Break to accommodate children from Seabird Island, Kent and Harrison Elementary Schools.
- Purchased new outdoor equipment for children to enjoy during program hours.
- Due to some extremely wet weather, children have been enjoying the Large Motor Room in main ECD building.



Stats at a Glance

Program	# of Children			# of Parents			# of Elders			# Seabird Members			# Staff	Home Visits
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Jan	Feb	Mar	Jan	Feb	Mar	Jan	Feb	Mar		
AIDP	34	28	26	23	25	26	3	4	6	8	10	5	4	19 Avg
ASCDP	16	24	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	2	4	
SCDP	12	12	11							6	6	8	8	
Ey Qwal	17	18	26	5	12	11	0	0	0	10	18	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	30	33	28							14	14	14	12	
3's Preschool	19	19	18							17	14	14	3	
4's Preschool	16	17	12							8	10	7	2	
OOSC	20	20	19							15	15	14	2	
AHSOR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	



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4TH Quarterly Meeting

Seabird Island Band

April 13, 2022

