



Early Childhood Development Department

2nd Quarterly Meeting
Seabird Island Band

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ECD Staff Team

Highlights:

- New funding is in place from FNHA, no fee childcare for up to 25 spaces.
- Reestablished a work partnership with Maternal Child Health – Seabird Island Band establishing a partnership with Mamele'awt Qweesome Housing Society and Yale First Nation.
- BEAR Bus is finally finished with renos and is going out into the communities.
- Someone So Small – Gross Motor Group meeting weekly at the main ECD building.
- Reestablished Someone So Small program with Shxw'ow'hamel and Chawathil First Nations.
- Reestablishing partnerships with Boothroyd, Boston Bar and Spuzzum bands.
- AIDP and SCD did a Canyon drive to promote our programs within our region.
- Summer Program was a success with 2 groups to accommodate all registered participants.
- Ey Qwal received resource package “Loose Parts” from Mission Community Services.
- Story Time in The Park – Seabird was a huge success. Many families from the community attended and others joined us. Bannock with jam was served to every person in attendance.
- New ECE staff hired for preschool.
- New support staff hired.



Aboriginal Infant Development Program

- **Due to COVID, there has been many changes within this program**
 - Someone So Small continued to run during summer months.
 - Reestablished Someone So Small program with Shxw'ow'hamel.
 - Reestablishing partnerships with Boothroyd, Boston Bar & Spuzzum bands.
 - Reestablishing a work partnership with Maternal Child Health - Seabird Island Band.
 - Establishing a partnership with Mamele'awt Qweesome Housing Society and Yale First Nation.
 - Sponsored two Elders from Seabird and Chawathil to answer Elder's Project Questionnaire.
 - Many new referrals in all programs.
 - Intakes are being done in a timely manner.
 - Partnering with Hope Better Beginnings Program and Coquihalla Strong Start.



Aboriginal Supported Child Development/Supported Child Development Program

- We have three new Support Workers on staff, but two others have returned to full-time school.
- Establishing connections with Mossy Branches - new center in Hope.
- Attended Story Time In The Park local events.
- Daily/Weekly check-ins with centers/support workers regarding children.
- Attended online workshop July 21, 2022.
- AIDP and SCD did a Canyon drive to promote our programs within our region.
- 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.



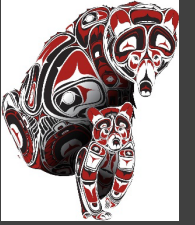
Aboriginal Head Start on Reserve

- Both programs finished for summer months on June 23rd.
- Restart of Seabird Island AHSOR on hold due to staffing.
- Supervisor resigned.
- Seabird Island program as had a new playground installed for AHSOR program.
- Cheam program restarted in September. Families regularly attending seem very happy with program and options available to them.



Ey' Qwal Speech and Language

- SLA continue to deliver 1-1 therapy children supported by Ey Qwal, in a variety of settings.
- Screening process initiated for new preschool and daycare students to determine any need for a new referral.
- Completed Kindergarten reports and coordination with Sts'ailes, Seabird Island and SD78 Schools.
- Speech Language screen developed to implement with children by Speech Language Pathologists.
- Planning with team and families for Kindergarten assessments and transition supports with SD78 and Seabird Island Elementary schools.
- Made new resources for program use.
- Gave book, Stand Like a Cedar, with puppets (raven and eagle) to children on our caseload and centers.
- SLP continues to update goals for children on Ey Qwal caseload.



Bus for Educational Aboriginal Resources

- Bus renos completed and BEAR is back on the road starting in September 2022, has had many visitors.
- BEAR renos look amazing and families are excited to see BEAR back in the community.
- Many people are admiring the wrap and at the elementary school the children were naming the flags on the outside of the bus, and they were right.
- BEAR attending the Agassiz Fall Fair and took part in the parade. Staff distributed candy and flyers into the community. BEAR made the Agassiz Fall Fair Facebook page.
- Staff preparing materials and programming.
- Staff have been making trips into the community to build awareness for what BEAR does and create relationships with families in the community.



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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.
- AIDP/ACDP Regional Advisor has resigned from her position.



Daycare, 3's Preschool and 4's Preschool

➤ Daycare

- New children starting as spaces are opening up/Transition to 3 to 5 side and 4's Preschool.
- Pizza Pajama party was a huge success.
- Children attended fieldtrips to the Vancouver Aquarium, various water parks and other parks.
- FNHA funding was secured for 20 spaces in the Infants and Toddlers program.

➤ Preschool – 3's

- New Supervisor for 3 & 4's Preschool/OOSC/Summer Programs.
- First Nation's Health Authority is generously sponsoring all children in 3's Preschool program.
- First Day of class was September 20, 2022.

➤ Preschool – 4's

- First Day of class was September 12, 2022.
- 4's Preschool class is running at full capacity.
- New ECE teacher hired as lead teacher and started on September 26th.



Out of School Care

- Program is running at full capacity has expanded into two groups with the Littles in the Church Hall and the Bigs in the Millennium Hall.
- Support staff providing regular support to children in program that require assistance.
- New Supervisor for OOSC, Preschool, and Summer Programs.
- A summer program staff members stayed on to work in OOSC for the school year.
- Purchased new outdoor equipment for children to enjoy during program hours

Stats at a Glance

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