



Early Childhood Development Department

1st Quarterly Meeting
April – June 2022

Seabird Island Band

PRESENTED BY
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ECD Staff Team

Highlights:

- New funding is in place from FNHA, no fee childcare for up to 20 infant and toddler and 40 - 3's preschool spaces
- MCFD Program supervisor completed mass screening at Angel Daycare in Agassiz
- BEAR Bus is finally finished with renos and looking great
- Someone So Small – Gross Motor Group started up again in April with health and safety measures in place
- OOSC was open for full days during the 2 weeks of spring break to accommodate Seabird children (1 week and Harrison/Kent children (2 weeks)
- The 3's Preschool class celebrated their graduation at the Greater Vancouver Zoo and the 4's celebrated at the Vancouver Aquarium
- Ey Qwal held a hearing screening at Sts'ailes
- AHSOR has been running at Seabird and Cheam and wrapped up on June 23rd
- Strat Planning and Training with FNHA and IndigenEYEZ with all staff in Tsawwassen was a huge success and a great benefit to all involved
- New cook hired for ECD department, officially started in June
- New Support staff hired



Aboriginal Infant Development Program

- **Due to COVID, there has been many changes within this program**
 - We have one new AIDP Consultant on staff in April
 - Someone So Small (Seabird) group started up again in April with health and safety measures in place, Chawathil started in May and Sts'ailes started in June
 - Many new referrals in all programs
 - Intakes are being done in a timely manner
 - Infant Massage Instructor Training has been taken
 - Partnering with Hope Better Beginnings Program and Coquihalla Strong Start
 - Kindergarten Transition, Infant Mental Health and Self-Care & Wellness Team meetings took place in May
 - Reconnected with families on caseload after lengthy absences from program



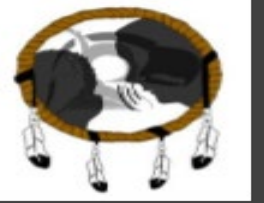
Aboriginal Supported Child Development/Supported Child Development Program

- 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
- New support worker hired
- Ready, Set, Learn in Boston Bar & Silver Creek was a success, not a lot of attendance but made some great connections
- Somatic Trauma Therapist came to Seabird to inform our departments of their services
- Attended a 10-year celebration for Harrison Daycare and Preschool
- Attended preschool grad for the all the preschools with children that will be going to Kindergarten
- Attended several kindergarten transition meetings



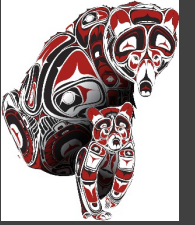
Aboriginal Head Start on Reserve

- Program restarted on April 5th for Seabird and April 19th for Cheam. Both programs finished for summer months on June 23rd
- Bathrooms and entrance way of Mill Hall was repainted
- Seabird program restarted with a large turnout of families (with as many as 44 people on one occasion) excited to join program
- Cheam program restarted with 2 families attending to start. Families regularly attending seem very happy with program and options available to them
- Supervisor met with contractor, playground installer and surface provider regarding space and design for playground and outdoor space
- Purchased lower, versatile furniture for new program and parent involvement, furniture was delivered and will be used in September when program starts for Autumn
- Programs went very well and the year-end fieldtrip for both programs to greater Vancouver Zoo was a major success



Ey' Qwal Speech and Language

- SLA continue to deliver 1-1 therapy children supported by Ey Qwal, in a variety of settings
- Planning with team and families for Kindergarten assessments and transition supports with SD78 and Seabird Island Elementary schools
- Attended Bost Bar – Ready, Set, Learn and building relationship there with educators and families (1 referral made from this visit)
- Supporting AIDP and ASCD in growing connection and partnership with FVCDC OT and PT teams
- Develop cultural connections and consents for work with Halq'eméylem and Nlaka'pamux language in speech generating devices
- Further development of low-tech Halq'eméylem materials with Wilelot, Sto:lo Nation
- Hearing screenings done at Sts'ailes
- SLP continues to update goals for children on Ey Qwal caseload
- Acquired new program resource for guiding language development narrative therapy practices (Indigenous Story work)



Bus for Educational Aboriginal Resources

- Bus was ready for pick up from Cottonwood RV in May
- Prime Sign finished the design and refit and took the bus late in May
- BEAR renos are completed and the bus looks amazing
- Staff preparing materials and programming
- Staff very much looking forward to getting back out into the community
- Communication with the First Nations Health Authority to partnership with Bear for Family resources



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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
- Organized the Gabor Mate Event
- Regional Training- Understanding Stress Response and Trauma
- Regional Training- Circle of Courage Training



Daycare, 3's Preschool and 4's Preschool

➤ Daycare

- Three new children Infant's side , one child withdrew from Toddlers side, and three children withdrew on 3-5's side
- Easter Egg Hunt/Party was a huge success
- Children attended fieldtrip to the Greater Vancouver Zoo
- Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts were made and sent home
- FNHA funding was secured for 20 spaces in the Infants and Toddlers program

➤ Preschool – 3's

- Last day of class was June 10th
- End of the year graduation celebration was held on June 15 at the Greater Vancouver Zoo
- FNHA funding was secured for 40 spaces in the 3's Preschool

➤ Preschool – 4's

- The last day of class was June 10th with the end of the year graduation celebration on June 15th at the Vancouver Aquarium
- Some children from the 4's Preschool program will be continuing care for the summer months



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Out of School Care

- Program registration is full and ended at the end of June
- Many children from OOSC program registered for the Summer Program and registration is full
- Program attended fieldtrips during Spring Break to Cottonwood Cinemas and the Cultus Lake Adventure Park
- 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
	Apr	May	Jun	Apr	May	Jun	Apr	May	Jun	Apr	May	Jun		
AIDP	32	33	33	26	26	26	8	4	8	8	10	7	4	19 Avg
ASCDP	21	18	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	2	4	
SCDP	12	12	11							6	6	8	8	
Ey Qwal	10	21	26	10	9	14	0	0	0	8	13	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	33	34	33							14	16	15	12	
3's Preschool	16	16	16							11	11	11	3	
4's Preschool	15	15	15							7	8	8	2	
OOSC	20	20	19							15	15	15	2	
AHSOR	28	32	20	30	27	26	1	3	4	14	15	6	4	

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