



Early Childhood Development Department

1st Quarterly Meeting
Seabird Island Band
2023 - 2024

PRESENTED BY
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ECD Staff Team

Highlights:

- Received funding from United Way and First Nation's Health Authority grants to cover all spaces for children enrolled in Summer Program, including 4's Preschool Summer Program.
- Someone So Small up and running successfully in four communities with increased parent participation and meeting weekly at the main ECD building.
- AIDP team is partnering with Agassiz Better Beginnings Program.
- BEAR Bus resumed Canyon visits with some families consistently attending.
- BEAR and Someone So Small have dates set up to provide services alongside each other.
- ECD staff have completed the second round of HR Training online.
- All ECD staff assisted with the Seabird Island Festival and oversaw the children's booth.
- MCFD program staff hosted and participated in a family drum making event with Darren and Carmen Charlie.
- SLP & SLA attended Sts'ailes Baby Ceremony with AIDP Consultant.
- 3's and 4's Preschool classes completed their school year with an in-house Graduation Ceremony and pasta lunch with cake to celebrate.
- Summer staff positions have been filled with students using the SASET program.
- AIDP and others attending Car Seat Training provided by BCAA partner.



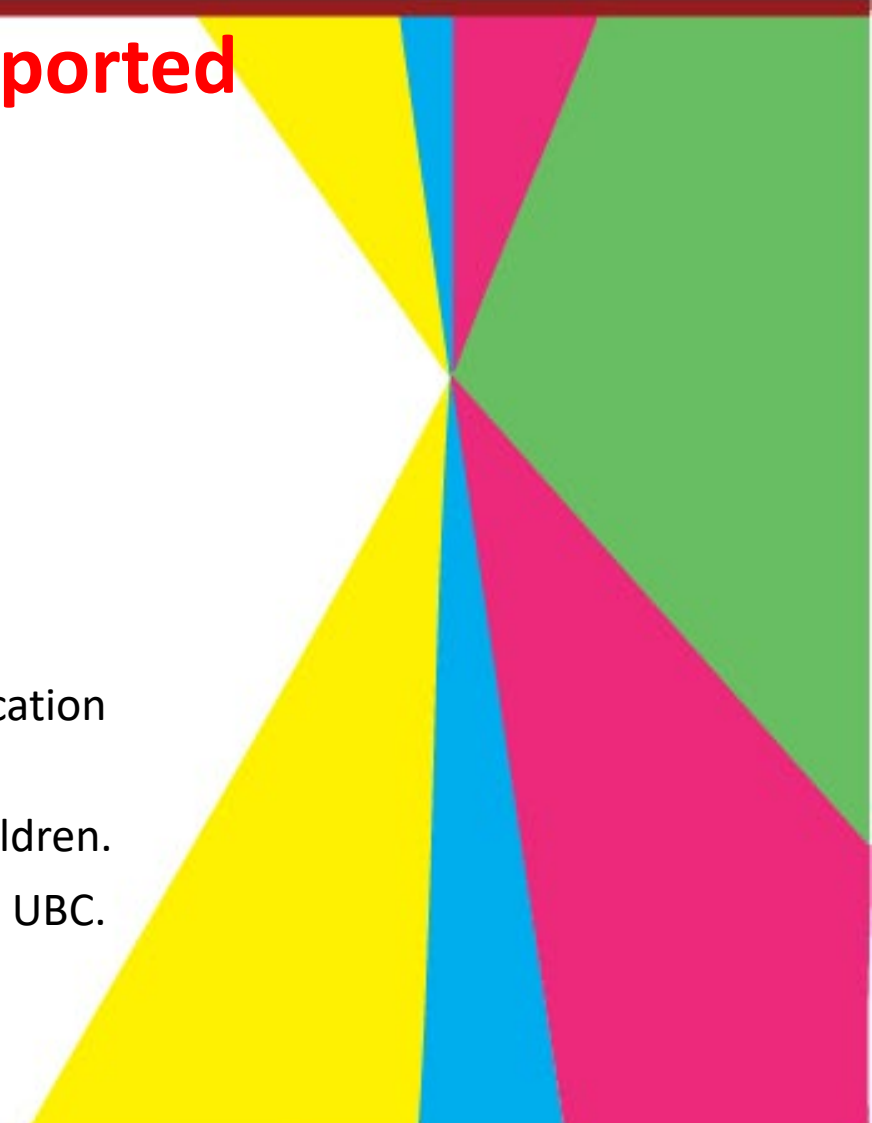
Aboriginal Infant Development Program

- **Due to COVID, there has been many changes within this program**
 - Started up SSS program in Hope at MQHS Family Housing.
 - Toy/Resource lending library.
 - ASQ:2 and ASQ: SE training completed.
 - Many new referrals in all programs.
 - Intakes are being done in a timely manner.
 - Infant Mental Health Series with Clinician.
- Relationship building with Yale First Nations.
- Collaborating with BEAR Bus and Chawathil Community Garden Program.
- St. John's Therapy Dog has visited SSS program at Seabird.
- Drum Making workshop for AIDP families.
- Infant Massage classes at Seabird.
- Services now being provided in Ruby Creek.



Aboriginal Supported Child Development/Supported Child Development Program

- Attended Preschool Graduations, getting ready for kindergarten.
- Daily/Weekly check-ins with centers/support workers regarding children.
- Many new referrals/intakes completed in a timely manner.
- Agassiz – Ready, Set, Learn.
- Supporting families with starting the process of autism assessment.
- Completed Sensory System Improvement for Children Under 5.
- Completed Children's Growth and Development with an emphasis on Communication Enhancement.
- Completed Supporting Perception and Motor Control Development in Young Children.
- Registered and working on Autism and Neurodiversity in Early Childcare through UBC.





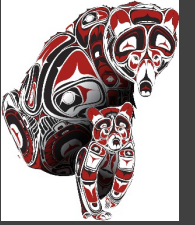
Aboriginal Head Start on Reserve

- Seabird Island AHSOR program closed for summer, last day on June 22nd.
- Cheam and Seabird programs attended a fun end of program fieldtrip to the Vancouver Aquarium.
- New office furniture purchased and set up for staff to use.



Ey' Qwal Speech and Language

- SLA continue to deliver 1-1 therapy children supported by Ey Qwal, in a variety of settings.
- SLP attended Someone So Small program in Hope and Chawathil communities.
- Assistant attended Ready, Set Learn in Boston Bar, Hope, Silver Creek Elementary and Kent Elementary
- Team attended the BC Aboriginal Child Care Fraser Regional Gathering, April 13, 2023.
- SLPs completed meetings, assessments and reports for children entering kindergarten in the fall of 2023.
- Assistant attended and participated in both Seabird Island ECD Preschool graduations and Sts'ailes Preschool grad.
- RSLP attended pre-kindergarten transition meeting with Seabird Island Community School.
- RSLP attended a meeting with School District 78.
- Team co-ordinated kindergarten transition meetings with Sts'ailes Community School.
- Summer therapy blocks have begun for children not attending programming during this season.
- Planning has begun for clinical assessment day in the fall with FVCDC psychologist.
- SLP and assistant attended Sts'ailes Baby Ceremony with AIDP consultant



Bus for Educational Aboriginal Resources

- Canyon visits resumed in April after taking the winter off due to road conditions. Families have been waiting patiently.
- BEAR is in 9 different areas and towns, most have at least one family attending.
- New families coming is wonderful to keep BEAR busy and on the road.
- Working with Someone So Small to visit in communities we both visit.
- Some new families have been coming regularly.
- New resources and toys to complete our new look inside and out.
- Scavenger Hunt was arranged for families to participate in and enjoy together.
- BEAR will be parking in a couple different areas for the summer in same communities to see if more families will attend when bus is closer to their area by walking.



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AIDP/ACDP Regional Advisor for Fraser East and South

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



Daycare, 3's Preschool and 4's Preschool

➤ Daycare

- One new child on 3-5's side and 2 new Infants.
- Easter Fun Day was fun for all children and staff, children enjoyed treats, easter egg hunt, games, and a basket to bring home.
- Children attended fieldtrips to Play Abby with pizza lunch, and the Greater Vancouver Zoo.
- Mosquito netting was put up around the Infant/Toddler patio.
- New cook hired to start in June.

➤ Preschool – 3's

- In house 3's Preschool graduation ceremony on June 15th with pasta lunch for everyone and cake.
- Children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt and Easter goodies to bring home.

➤ Preschool – 4's

- In-house 4's Preschool graduation ceremony on June 13th with pasta lunch made by staff and cake.
- Children enjoyed ice cream sundaes on their last day of class.
- Children enjoyed visits with the dental office staff and the fire hall.



Out of School Care

- Program is running at full capacity has expanded into two groups. Littles moved into the 3's Preschool classroom because the Little Church Hall is deemed unsafe.
- Support staff providing regular support to children in program that require assistance.
- Staff have completed HR training.
- Children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt and received goodies to bring home.
- Staff and Children attended fieldtrips to Pioneer Park, and other local parks.

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	26	26	26	24	24	24	3	3	3	6	6	6	2	12 Avg
ASCDP	23	23	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	5	
SCDP	30	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	8	4	
Ey Qwal	33	35	29	13	12	2	2	1	2	15	15	15	4	
AHSOR - Seabird	20	34	30	10	24		2	2		20	30		3	
AHSOR-Cheam	4	6	3	4	4	9	2	1	1				2	
Daycare	35	38	40							17	18	19	9	
3's Preschool	11	11	11							7	7	7	2	
4's Preschool	16	16	16							9	9	9	2	
OOSC	30	30	30							24	13	13	4	
BEAR	15	19	32	9	12	11	2	2	0			1	1	

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