



# Early Childhood Development Department

2nd Quarterly Meeting  
Seabird Island Band

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## ECD Staff Team

### Highlights:

- Several 4's Preschool students continued for summer months as a 4's Summer Program with other children from Seabird community and beyond.
- Someone So Small up and running successfully in three communities.
- BEAR & SSS families attended a fieldtrip to the Greater Vancouver Zoo which turned out great
- Seabird Island ECD hosted Story Time In The Park/Child Development Fair on August 2, 2023. Event was very well attended and ran smoothly.
- Back-To-School Days event, August 29, 2023, was a huge success.
- Regional Advisor role has been filled for 2 days per week and staff is also assisting AIDP 1 day per week.
- Ey Qwal attended Sq'ewqal Health Clinic on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- New support staff hired, and she is doing great!
- Welcome Back BBQ for AIDP, ASCDP, Ey Qwal and BEAR families – September 21, 2023
- 4's Preschool classes started on September 11, 2023.
- 3's Preschool classes started on September 18, 2023.



# Aboriginal Infant Development Program

- **Due to COVID, there has been many changes within this program**
  - AIDP Regional Advisor role has been filled.
  - SSS in Ruby Creek
  - Back-To-School Days Carnival at Sq'ewqel Band Office
  - ASQ:5and ASQ: SE training completed.
  - 4 NDDS Screenings
  - 2 Community visitors at SSS.
- Many new referrals in all programs.
- Intakes are being done in a timely manner.
- 3 Physiotherapy and 3 Occupation Therapy visits.
- Maintaining collaboration with Hope's Better Beginnings/Family Place



## Aboriginal Supported Child Development/Supported Child Development Program

- New support staff hired and is doing great!
- Daily/Weekly check-ins with centers/support workers regarding children.
- Many new referrals/intakes completed in a timely manner.
- Connecting with families, joining team meetings and making great connections with families and other professionals.
- Some children meeting their goals and updating more often with parents/caregivers.
- Many responses for training that consultants would like to access.
- New childcare center opened in Silver Creek THA:LE QAS KW'ESHXWELI.





# Aboriginal Head Start on Reserve

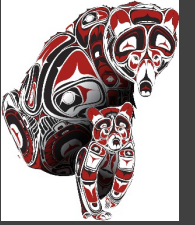
- Seabird Island AHSOR closed for summer but restarted program on September 19<sup>th</sup>.
- New cook hired and started in September.
- One daycare staff has taken on the role of AHSOR assistant.
- AHSOR – Cheam has been in communication with Seabird regarding starting their own Head Start program.





## 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.
- Staff prepared for the Autism Assessment Clinic.
- Ey Qwal Attended Sq'ewqal Health Clinic on July 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Transitioned children and families from resigned SLP to current SLP.
- Preschool programs started in September reducing the number of home visits
- SLP and assistants made numerous center and home visits to meet new referrals and develop goals to get up and running for the new school year.
- SLA collaborated with SLP to update and revise goals for children already receiving services.
- SLA's closed files for children who no longer receiving services due to graduating to Kindergarten.



## Bus for Educational Aboriginal Resources

- Parked in a couple of different areas for the summer in various communities to see if more families attended when bus is closer to their area by walking.
- Working with Someone So Small to visit in communities we both visit and joined up for a Great Vancouver Zoo fieldtrip. Everyone had a lot of fun and shared pictures of their families.
- Great to have a new parking spot in Cheam due to the previous spot is now closed in by a fence but now have a new location which may have caused small turnouts so far.
- BEAR went for inspection and had a few minor things that needed to be done. The new carpet is in now that all things have been worked out and it looks amazing.
- Staff enjoyed teaching parents how to can fruit and now they have done so much more on their own.
- BEAR was in the Agassiz Parade for the second year in a row and so grateful to those parents who walk and hand out pamphlets, lanyards, water bottles (with BEAR logo) and candy.
- Was exciting to see how the Indigenous families liked to see something of their culture in the parade as well as the rest of the crowd wondering what BEAR is all about.



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## AIDP/ACDP Regional Advisor for Fraser East and South

- New Regional Advisor introduction sent out to network.
- Positive feedback regarding position being filled.
- Very successful first Regional Meeting, first in person meeting in a very long time.
- Connections made with potential Speakers and Workshop providers.
- Positive connection and response with Consultants and Team Leads.
- Initiated contact with centres in the Fraser South region.
- Serving 11 centres.





## Daycare, 3's Preschool and 4's Preschool

### ➤ Daycare

- New cook hired.
- New children starting as spaces are opening up/Transition to 3 to 5 side and switch to preschool.
- Children enjoyed many fieldtrips to STITP, Blue Mountain Park, Vancouver Aquarium, Tzeachten Park, Mann Farm, Science World, Go Bananas, Cottonwood Theatre, Play Abby and various other parks/waterparks.
- Four staff members did Delight, Excite and Inspire Workshop through Mission CCRR.
- Hosted a practicum student through Sprott Shaw College.

### ➤ Preschool – 3's

- Preschool restarted on September 18, 2023, with almost full enrollment.
- Staff is getting to know the children and working at establishing routines.

### ➤ Preschool – 4's

- Some children who required care stayed for the summer in our 4's Preschool – Summer Program and other children joined us for the months of July and August.
- Preschool restarted on September 11, 2023, with full enrollment.



## Out of School Care/Summer Program

- Support staff providing regular support to children in program that require assistance.
- Summer fieldtrips were mostly a great success and included Agassiz Centennial Spray Park, Greater Vancouver Zoo, Mann Farms, Science World, WildPlay, Extreme Air, Cultus Lake Adventure Park, Hope Cinemas Bridal Falls Waterpark, Bear Creek Park and other local parks.
- Yoga instructor from our funders Untied Way , the children enjoyed and participated.
- Science teacher from Seabird Elementary school visited us and brought some wonderful science experiments for the children to enjoy. Later each child who attended summer program received a science kit to bring home and keep.
- Fraser Valley Party Rentals joined us at the end of Summer Program to celebrate the completion of Summer Program and Back-To-School. Children enjoyed games, balloon twisted animals, Build-A-Bear (with each child creating their own stuffed animal to keep), and yummy treats.
- Out of School Care Program restarted on September 5, 2023.
- We have started the process of building a new space for our OOSC and Head Start programs  
- completion date March 2023

# Stats at a Glance

Program	# of Children			# of Parents			# of Elders			# Seabird Members			# Staff	Home Visits
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jul	Aug	Sep		
AIDP	29	30	31	26	24	26	3	3	3	8	9	7	4	4 Avg
ASCDP	13	20	17	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	3	2	4	
SCDP		14	13		N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A		3	8	8	
Ey Qwal	29	21	27	12	3	4	1	1	2	13	8	12	3	3 Avg
AHSOR-Seabird	0	0	8	0	0	10	0	0	1			8	2	
Daycare	39	40	38	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	20	20	21	12	
3's Preschool	0	0	14	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	10	3	
4's Preschool	6	6	16	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5	5	9	2	
OOSC	58	58	47	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	36	36	37	8	
BEAR	25	9	3	11	8	8	0	1		1			1	

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