



Early Childhood Development Department

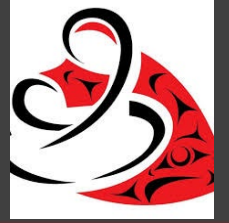
1st Quarterly Meeting

Seabird Island Band

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New ECD Programs

Culture and Language Coordinator

- BEAR bus staff has taken on this role.
- Staff participated in a weeklong Total Physical Response – Storytelling in Chase, BC.
- Staff has prepared many resources for all programs within the ECD department.

ECD Family Enrichment & Wellness

- Brochures made up for program printed and handed out to local programs within Seabird
- Staff has gathered many resources for families that request from programs.
- Facilitated Circle of Security training with Daycare and preschool staff for 2 evenings per week for 8 weeks.
- Staff has been making appearances at local events to connect more with families.

Voices of the Future – Pathways and Activities Coordinator

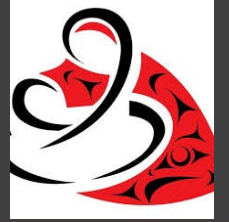
- New program for Tweens started in June.
- Program planning underway for activities, workshops and fieldtrips with participants.
- Coordinator in talks with Maternal Child Health supervisor regarding suitable workshops for participants.



ECD Staff Team

Highlights:

- One Supported Child Development Consultant is now Family enrichment and Wellness Coordinator.
- All children in Daycare, Preschool and Out of School Care received Easter Basket with goodies.
- All staff have created individual work plans and are currently working on program work plans.
- Several team members completed in-house Food Safe certification workshop.
- New Pathways & Activities Coordinator started in her new role.
- BEAR Staff accepted role and Culture and Language Coordinator
- All team attended the Seabird Festival May 24th & 25th.
- All of Daycare went to a fieldtrip to the zoo and 3-5's side went to Sy'exw Ch/oleqw (Ruby Creek) Playground.
- 3's Preschool and 4's Preschool wrapped up in June. Graduation ceremonies were a success.
- Renovations at ECD building are mostly completed, staff using the office space upstairs.
- Ey Qwal team has a new speech and hearing room.
- Some staff participated in Cedar Harvesting near Sts'ailes community.
- Seabird AIDP consultants completed 8-week Circle of Security course for AIDP families.
- Admin Assistant attended a 5-week course on Administration and Management for Child Care: Instructor led.



Aboriginal Infant Development Program

- SSS in running in 3 communities.
- SSS has enjoyed the assistance of a volunteer at Chawathil.
- Many new referrals in all programs.
- Maintaining collaboration with Hope Better Beginnings/Family Place.
- Finished 5 Infant Massage sessions at Agassiz Better Beginnings.
- AIDP facilitated Circle of Security to AIDP caregivers and families.
- ASQ training of Trainers.
- AIDP with MCH Pre and Post at Cheam, Chawathil and Shxw'owhamel.
- FVCDC Occupational and Physio Therapist clinic is held in Hope and Seabird centres.
- Attended Silver Creek & Kent: Ready, Set, Learn.
- Attended Seabird Island – Baby Welcoming Ceremony.
- AIDP presented End-of-Year fieldtrip to families.
- No SSS for July and August.



Aboriginal Supported Child Development/Supported Child Development Program

- Daily/Weekly check-ins with centers/support workers regarding children. Many new referrals/intakes completed in a timely manner.
- New SCD consultant started May 5th.
- Staff attended ASQ Training of the Trainers, Nurturing the Seed, Risk Management for Home Visitors
- HS Lead to join as a support worker for summer.
- Staff participated in Cedar Harvesting near Sts'ailes community.
- Attended Ready, Set, Learn in Agassiz, Boston Bar & Kent Elementary.
- Attended Seabird Island 3's Preschool graduation and Sts'Ailes 4's Preschool graduation.
- Office renovations are complete; staff are settling into their new spaces and getting organized.



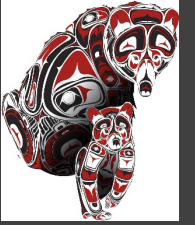
Aboriginal Head Start on Reserve

- Program is running at Cheam on Mondays/Wednesdays and Seabird Island on Tuesdays/Thursdays.
- New program assistant started in June, assisting in ECD kitchen for summer.
- Having positive connections with families at Seabird program.
- Dental Hygienist has been coming in once a month to give checkups and if they are needing any supplies (toothpaste, brush, etc.).
- AIDP has been visiting.
- Drum making with Darrell Charlie in April 2025.
- Families are attending regularly.
- All Seabird families registered are attending program regularly, with dads coming as well.
- Supervisor role has been switched to Team Lead.
- Year-end fieldtrip to The Greater Vancouver Zoo was a success.
- Programs on hold for July and August.
- Team Lead to join as a support worker for summer.



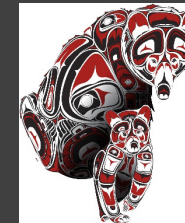
Ey' Qwal Speech and Language

- SLP completed an intensive Halq'eméylem course at Sq'ewqel College and is looking forward to incorporating learning from that class into their work and program development at Ey Qwal.
- One SLA attended and participated in the Ready, Set, Learn event held at Coquihalla Elementary School, Boston Bar and Silver Creek Elementary.
- Staff participated in MMIW walk on Red Dress Day.
- SLA and SLP delivered a professional development morning session to SCD team.
- Scheduling visits with new referrals and meeting our new families/kids as they join the Ey Qwal Speech and Language program.
- Ey' Qwal has collaborated with AIDP making home visits together to see children each program supports.
- SLP focused on setting specific goals for SLA's therapy work.
- New toys and resources bought and made for the children we work with.
- New Speech and Language room is ready and being used.



Culture and Language Coordinator

- BEAR staff has taken on the role of Culture and Language Coordinator.
- Has prepared many resources for all ECD programs using First People Voices, & Sto:lo Shxweli.
- Staff has been visiting with elders, community members and staff regarding how to best support Seabird community.
- Staff is involved with creating a cultural committee with elders and others from Seabird Island Band office.
- Staff has participated in trainings with HS for Indigenous medicines.
- Staff is supporting other program staff with Culture, language and resources.
- Staff is excited to be able to use past trainings and experiences to support community, staff and programs.



ECD Family Enrichment and Wellness Coordinator

- SCD Consultant has moved into this new and exciting role.
- Collaboration meetings set with different teams within Seabird and School District 789 at Kent Elementary School.
- Brochures made up for program printed and handed out to local programs within Seabird.
- Staff attended Mental Health Summit, April 2 – 13, 2025.
- New referrals coming in.
- Family connections following through.
- Check-in with families weekly.
- Intakes completed and meeting new families has been great.
- Connecting with more programs and schools regarding Seabird families for referrals
- Gathering resources for families that request from program.
- Staff facilitated Circle of Security with daycare and preschool staff every Monday and every other Wednesday for 8 weeks.
- Staff attended At Risk Home Visitors – June 9.



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AIDP/ACDP Regional Advisor for Fraser East and South

- Partnered with Family Support Institute for Spring 2025 Conference days.
- Nurturing the Seed training will be offered provincially.
- Positive connection and response with Consultants and Team Leads.
- General provincial network meetings ongoing.
- Serving 11 centres.
- Collaboration in networking with Mainstream programs.
- Community programs and resources shared.
- ASQ Train the Trainers completed provincially.
- Safe Babies foster parent training program being updated.
- Working to collaborate with MVOM for annual cultural training opportunity.



Daycare

- One new ECE staff hired, she was our most recent practicum student.
- One new child on infant side, one child returned to daycare after two months off, two children withdrew from Toddlers, three children transitioned from Infant's to Toddler program, and one child withdrew from 3-5's side.
- Preschool ended in June and children that attended 3's Preschool are now in daycare full days.
- Librarian came in to do a fun circles with the children.
- Children in 3-5s program and enjoyed a fieldtrip to Sy'exw Ch/oleqw Playground (Ruby Creek).
- All children in daycare enjoyed a fieldtrip to The Greater Vancouver Zoo.
- All daycare had an Easter party with egg hunt, fun activities, and a goodie basket.
- All daycare children and staff participated in the MMIW walk.
- 3 – 5's side observed learned about the cycle of a butterfly and experienced caterpillars creating their cocoons and joined in on the butterfly release.
- Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts were made and sent home with children.



3's Preschool and 4's Preschool

➤ Preschool – 3's

- All children in preschool received an Easter basket full of goodies.
- Program ended June 6 for July and August.
- Both 3's Preschool graduation ceremonies were very successful. Graduation ceremonies took place on June 12th with a morning ceremony, lunch for both classes and then an afternoon ceremony.
- Daycare children who attended 3's Preschool program now back in daycare fulltime.

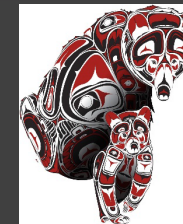
➤ Preschool – 4's

- Program ended June 6 for July and August.
- Preschool graduation ceremony on June 11 was very successful.
- Children enjoyed Easter party with crafts, games, activities and Easter baskets.
- Children enjoyed weekly swimming lessons.
- Language teacher/assistants have been attending sporadically. Children are enjoying learning Halq'eméylem.
- Routine and transitions are running smoothly.



Out of School Care

- Support staff providing regular support to children in program that require assistance.
- Children enjoyed Easter activities, goodie bags and crafts.
- Children attended a fieldtrips to Abbotsford – Mill Lake Park.
- New School's Out program has opened; staff and students look like the program is running very smoothly with activities and staff engaging with students
- Starting to implement Halq'eméylem language slowly.
- Program closed on June 20th for July and August to allow staff time to prepare for Summer Program.
- Eight students hired to work in Summer Program for July and August. Seven students are from Seabird community and one indigenous student from another community.



School's Out

- New non-licensed drop-in program for children aged 6 to 12 years offered at no cost.
- Program housed at the Seabird Island High School.
- Program staffed by three team members including one student hired for the summer.
- Program supplies all lunches (during summer months) and snacks.
- Program will run for full days during the summer and as an after-school program during the school year.
- During July and August participants will enjoy weekly fieldtrips every Wednesday.
- Team lead and Supervisor have been planning for fieldtrips to Galaxy Cinema, WildPlay Maple Ridge, Bridal Falls Waterslides, Extreme Air, Cultus Lake Adventure Park, and Castle Fun Park.
- 32 participants registered . As program is drop-in they are not required to attend daily but attendance has been very high with large numbers attending daily.

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	35	27	26	25	25	3	3	3	12	11	11	4	3 Avg
ASCDP	11	10	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	4	4	4	
SCDP	15	15	15	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7	7	7	8	
Ey Qwal	42	38	28	21	23	20	3	4	2	13	14	23	3	
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Voices of the Future			9			N/A			N/A			5	1	
AHSOR-Seabird	10	15	15	12	12	12	3	3	3	7	12	12	3	
Daycare	42	43	40	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	23	23	21	12	
3's Preschool	23	23	23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16	16	16	3	
4's Preschool	11	11	11	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	6	6	2	
School's Out			32									32	3	
OOSC	31	31	31	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	23	23	23	8	

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