



NEWS BULLETIN

monthly news for family resource program providers

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MCFD AWARDS \$1 MILLION TO FAMILY RESOURCE PROGRAMS

It is with pleasure we announce that the Ministry of Children and Family Development has provided a one-time investment to the BC Association of Family Resource Programs to build capacity in rural family resource programs (FRPs) and to support the development partnerships between isolated FRPs and multi-service agencies.

Capacity Grants will be available for programs that adhere to eligibility criteria that includes:

- Services that comply with the principles of family resource programming
- Services that follow the six valued practices in service delivery
- Ongoing Parent / Child drop-in program as the gateway to a service continuum

The grants will range from \$10,000 – \$25,000 and are one-time only. Applications will be available through two distinct funding streams:

- Funding Stream One – Building Partnerships
- Funding Stream Two – Rural Family Resource Programs

Specific details about eligibility, time-line and application process will be available in the next few months. Although the grants are modest and one-time only, we believe these grants will support the expansion of quality practice throughout the FRP sector and will generate the impetus for future investments.

On behalf of family resource programs we want to extend our thanks to Minister Tom Christensen, Minister of State, Linda Reid and the MCFD Early Years Team for their support and commitment.

MEMBER SERVICES COORDINATOR

FRP-BC is pleased to announce our new Member Services Coordinator, Sherry Sinclair. Sherry's primary role will be to connect with the membership. Her immediate task involves contacting all FRP-BC members to ensure details about the programs are up-to-date and complete. A simple questionnaire has been sent to all members, and Sherry will follow-up with each member through phone and/or email. She will also contact lapsed members and research new family resource programs in each region. Please help Sherry with the information gathering by responding and completing the questionnaire. All information is confidential and used only to support either individual FRPs or the Family Resource Program sector.

A central data base with detailed information on family resource programs enables FRP-BC to knowledgeably advocate for the sector.

COUNCIL FOR EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT

The Council for Early Child Development (CEDC), founded by Dr. Fraser Mustard, is a not-for-profit, non-governmental association of community and scientific networks with a focus on early child development science and community action. The CEDC is based on the recommendations of the Early Years Study (McCain & Mustard 1999). The CEDC aims to make evidence accessible to communities.

For information on the CEDC and the newly produced Early Years Study 2: Putting Science into Action, Visit the website www.councilecd.ca.

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