

## SOME OF OUR 2015-16 PROJECTS

- ✓ **Sustaining BC's Family Resource Programs** — we presented a survey and report on FRP funding issues to MCFD and the Office of the Early Years.
- ✓ **Stories of Resilience** — we conducted a qualitative study documenting the impact of participation in an FRP for families who are newcomers or who have mental health issues. Our report identified key aspects of programs that made a positive difference.
- ✓ **Within Our Grasp** — wrote a social policy paper recommending that BC's FRP's play a role in reducing social and emotional vulnerability in young children. The paper reviews relevant literature, and policies.
- ✓ **Mothers Matter and Fathers Matter campaigns** — a campaign for programs across the province to celebrate the importance of parents.
- ✓ **Catalyst of Change conference** — presented, in partnership with HIPPY Canada, a 2-day provincial conference, showcasing programs, emerging trends, and practices.
- ✓ **In-service** — a day for staff from around the province to get together, network, and be informed of relevant trends including the Family Strengthening model, and the Heart-Mind index
- ✓ **Provincial orientation for new staff** — organized a day-long session to orient new staff.
- ✓ **Branding and positioning** — developed a preliminary communications strategy to enhance understanding and promote FRP's, including a comprehensive "branding" exercise.
- ✓ **2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the Standards of Practice** — revised the Standards process to align with international trends and research, and to streamline the process for agencies. Provided training by video on our website in order to reach members across the province.
- ✓ **Gaming and Child Care Capital Grants Webinars** — created training sessions to help members understand and access gaming grants and child care capital grants funding processes.
- ✓ **Catalyst of Change Awards** — recognized individuals who exemplify the best of family resource programs.

**In addition, we have participated in a number of committees, forums and conferences ensuring that the voice of family resource programs is represented, and the importance of supporting families is recognized.**