



FRP-BC Support and Ideas Check In Call August 13th, 2020 Summary

Attendees: Range of FRPs in terms of size, number of programs, geographical location, and type of programs. 31 participants.

This was the last support call for the summer. Next call is set for Thursday, September 10, at 1pm.

Toy Protocols

- Some FRPs create one tote of toys per family and clean toys before giving to another family
 - One FRP numbers the totes and the toys so parents can keep track of which toys belong to their tote
- One FRP has families register to borrow toys
- Several FRPs use nature as toys in outdoor programs- sticks, leaves, shells, pinecones, rocks, etc.
- One FRP does art activities and sanitizes tools before passing on to another family
- Some FRPs don't use toys at all (one does story time instead)
- Some FRPs use books and quarantine them, others no
 - One FRP prints out digital stories, laminates them and puts them on the wall
- One FRP expressed that the set up and clean up sometimes takes as long as the program itself but finds it is worth it so that families have opportunities to connect with each other
- One FRP indicates that many of the families that come to the programs have created a bubble and play together outside of the program
- FRPs are implementing a mixture of BC CDC and local health authority guidelines

MCFD Regional Calls

Registration for the upcoming regional calls with MCFD Director of Operations will open shortly. Dates are September 22, 24, and 29, times TBA. We ask that members confirm their attendance early so that exact times could be set. More info to come.

*Acknowledging the Lekwungen People,
traditional keepers of this land.*

FRP-BC
t 250 590 5706
e admin@frpbc.ca
w www.frpbc.ca

Mailing Address:
Suite 102, 1834C Oak Bay Ave.
Victoria, BC V8R 0A4

Registration and Contact Tracing for Programs

- [Survey Monkey](#)- gives an option to create a QR code when you're creating your survey
- [Calendly](#)
- Manually
- Issues:
 - Last minute cancellations
 - Having to waitlist families if capacity is reached
 - Some families have a technological advantage and are succeeding in registering for all the programs while other families are missing out
 - Some FRPs change the window during which you can register for programs
 - One FRP is considering asking families to register for only a couple at a time to leave space for others (trust system)
 - Can't control who else is going to be at the park

Programming

- Some FRPs are doing indoor programming and limiting capacity
 - One FRP mentioned that they require adults to wear masks
- Lots of outdoor programming
- Not as much virtual programming- families seem to have lost interest
 - Some FRPs doing "Nobody's Perfect" virtually with success- one FRP giving food certificate to families upon their completion of the program
 - One FRP did a walking Nobody's Perfect
 - One FRP found the Nobody's Perfect program did not work virtually
- One FRP indicates that they are only doing virtual programming and may start to do outdoor in September
- Mothers Matter Centre decided to stick to only virtual programming and do it really well- diverted funds to purchase iPads for mothers
- [Nourish Families Initiative](#)- meals outreach program through Childhood Connections Okanagan

Contingency Planning for September

- Majority of FRPs only plan one month ahead now
- One FRP is working closely with their municipality (with a social planner) in the hopes of supporting vulnerable families
- Some FRPs have surveyed families to see what they are comfortable with going forward