



FRP-BC Support and Ideas Check-In Call April 30th, 2020 Summary

Attendees: Range of FRPs in terms of size, number of programs, geographical location, and type of programs. 30 participants.

Upcoming Training

1. Scenario Planning Workshop- date/time TBD*

Dana Osiowy from New Westminster Family Place (NWFP) discussed the need for FRPs to develop a plan for the future. She shared how NWFP and other Vancouver-based FRPs have been discussing best ways to respond to an uncertain future and are developing a formal plan to be shared with FRPs all throughout BC. Further details for this workshop will be announced soon- please keep an eye on FRP-BC's e-News or Members Only News section in the Members Only Portal.

2. Mental Health in Early Years- Focus on Front Line Workers by Vanessa Lapointe- May 25th, 9am-12pm* This will be a virtual live webinar FREE to all FRP-BC members.

3. Toddler Development Instrument (TDI)- UBC Human Early Learning Partnership- May 27th, 1-4pm* This will also be a virtual live webinar FREE to all FRP-BC members concerning the TDI and how it can be used in your community/agency.

4. FRP Orientation- Fall 2020

We asked those in attendance if they would be interested in taking part in such training and received positive feedback. This training would include the following:

- Fundamental Characteristics of FRPs in BC
- Key Theories That Inform the Work of FRPs in BC
- Six Valued Practices and more.

**More details on how to register for the above training coming soon. All training is open and free to FRP-BC Members with the purchase of a 2020/2021 membership. Please ensure you have renewed your membership for the 2020/2021 year ASAP so you don't miss out. Email admin@frpbc.ca to confirm.*

COVID-19 ONLINE FORUMS

A reminder to please log on to see what topics FRP-BC has introduced based on member input. Current topics include:

1. Virtual Programming Ideas
2. Food Security
3. Families and Isolation

More to come. As a member, you are invited to start your own discussion- ask questions, share your insight, connect with other members. Format is informal.

Member Sharing

We asked participants to consider the following questions:

- What has been the most successful programming your agency has done during the COVID-19 Pandemic?
- What do you attribute to the success?

Responses were as follows:

- Busy Bags for little kids and their older siblings – crafts, things to do/complete
 - Funding received from Sandbox Project
- Recipes and ingredients (simple, cheap)
- Dad ‘n Tot Night- virtually
 - Dads (or dad figures) sent a gift certificate so that they could order dinner for the family- takes pressure off of having to cook
- BCAAPOP has been doing outreach- collaboration with shelters, PPE, other sectors
- Device Drive (BCAAPOP did this, but it might work for an FRP to do a drive in their local community)
 - First, made a call via social media for old, unused devices (cell phones, iPads, laptops, etc)
 - People mailed or dropped off at a specified location
 - BCAAPOP distributed to mothers-in-need
- Mothers Matter writing group
- Burnaby Family Life Expert Talks- FREE, every Thursday from 3-4pm
 - Open to parents/families
 - See Burnaby Family Life’s [Facebook page](#) for more details