



## British Columbia Association of Child Development and Intervention

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Dear Board Chair,

On behalf of the Board of the B.C. Association of Child Development and Intervention (BCACDI), I would like to formally invite you and other members of your Board to attend the upcoming BCACDI meetings and annual general meeting in Vancouver from February 2- 4, 2006. BCACDI was established to represent the views of both Board members and administrators. A number of our member agencies have not sent board members to the provincial meetings in the past. We want to ensure that both administrators and Board members have a strong presence and representation in the association and on the Board. The presence of Board members at the provincial meetings, will help to ensure that both policy makers and administrators are informed and educated about the concerns and issues of all parties.

Some of the recent highlights of the initiatives and accomplishments of BCACDI include:

- Advocated for and received \$ 11 million in new funding for services for children and youth with special needs (CYSN) in 2004/05.
- Meeting with and presentation to Minister Dryden, federal Minister of Social Development re: additional funding for children and youth with special needs from new child care funding (\$633 million over 5 years) and existing federal funding sources.
- Submission to the Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services outlining funding and programs requirements for CYSN for 2005/06.
- Meetings with and presentations to Ministers Hagen and Reid, MCFD, and Minister Thorpe re: services and funding for CYSN.
- Meetings with and presentations to Carole James, Head of the Official Opposition and Adrian Dix, MCFD critic re: services and funding for CYSN.
- Preparation of an election toolkit which was sent to every candidate in the provincial election in the Spring of 2005.
- Presentation on services for CYSN's to a committee of MLA's in Victoria.
- Meeting with and presentation by the Cross Ministerial Special Needs Integration Project Task Force at the BCACDI Provincial Meeting in Penticton.
- Presentation to the Health Employers Association (HEABC) advisory committee on preparation for collective bargaining for 2006.

Our next meetings and annual general meeting will be in February, (Feb 2 – 4, 2006) at the Rosedale on Robson Suite Hotel located at 833 Hamilton Street in Vancouver. There will be openings available and positions to fill on the Board of BCACDI this year. We would appreciate your exercising your rights as a member to attend the provincial meetings along with your Executive Director, to help steer our vision for the coming year.

We look forward to your attendance at our meetings in February and your on-going commitment to and involvement with BCACDI. If you have any questions or if you are interested in serving on the BCACDI Board please contact me at [gcp@unbc.ca](mailto:gcp@unbc.ca) or at 250-960-6632.

Yours sincerely

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