

PROPOSAL: PROVINCIAL OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR AUTISM AND RELATED DISORDERS (POPARD) DELTA SCHOOL DISTRICT

POPARD is a Provincial Resource Program hosted by School District 37 (Delta). This outreach program provides consultation, training, and support services to all public and independent schools across the province of British Columbia. The primary focus is to increase the capacity of school district staff to support students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD).

POPARD is excited to offer a state-of-the art expanded training centre at the Pacific Family Autism Centre (PFAC). Due to the limited available space at PFAC, full POPARD program relocation is not feasible. This expanded program delivers services aligned with POPARD's mandate and will be able to provide teachers across the province with necessary training and support. In addition, the expanded program will connect students and parents to wrap around services in their home districts. Trainers will model evidence-based innovative programs, groups and approaches in POPARD's own observation/training room. This approach provides the opportunity for strengthened collaboration with the Ministry of Children and Families and the Ministry of Health. Highlights of the enhancement include:

- ✓ Establishment of a School/community liaison
 - Create a new POPARD resource position to support families in accessing services and supports through schools and districts.
 - Provide consultation and information to parents and the public about ASD services in schools.
- ✓ A new observation/ training room to provide training and workshops for school staff and clinicians on innovative programs, groups and approaches to:
 - intensive intervention for school age students, TEACCH, Pivotal Response Training, Anxiety/Mindfulness groups for school age students.
- ✓ Increased access to use state of the art video and teleconferencing equipment (to support schools across the province, especially outside of the lower mainland)

Utilization of New PFAC Space:

- Office area for school/community liaison staff (400 sq feet) – requires soundproof walls and one-way glass into multipurpose training room for observation.
- Observable training room for training, model programs, meetings with parents, school and agency personnel (700 sq feet)
- Storage for POPARD equipment, training materials for courses and workshops (200 sq feet)

Timelines:

- POPARD will meet with the PAFC to discuss service provision on March 2, 2017. Part of the discussion will inform the development of a position posting.
- The new position will be posted as soon as possible after this March 2 meeting with the goal of having a staff member in the PAFC by March 15.

Budget:

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Sampson, Laura EDUC:EX

From: Sampson, Laura EDUC:EX
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 9:35 AM
To: Sures, Lauren EDUC:EX
Subject: RE: PAC update

Thanks!

From: Sures, Lauren EDUC:EX
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 9:32 AM
To: Sampson, Laura EDUC:EX
Subject: RE: PAC update

Hi Laura,

Jenn is in a meeting so I'm reaching out to the director responsible for that area for materials/information. I'm sure we can provide an update on this topic!

Lauren

From: Sampson, Laura EDUC:EX
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 9:22 AM
To: Sures, Lauren EDUC:EX
Cc: Bertrand, Julie EDUC:EX
Subject: PAC update

Hi Lauren,

Dave is having lunch with Wendy Lisogar-Cocchia (of the Pacific Autism Centre) tomorrow. Could Jennifer provide an update of where things are at with them in her bilateral today?

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