

Quesnel Community Autism Committee

Sept. 28th, 2011

MINUTES

Team: Erin Blocksedge – Parent Advocate, Shareen Evans – EPIC Coordinator and Parent Advocate, Carla Fulton – CDC, David Sutton – QCLA, Anita Bassett- CYSN, Sue MacDonald – S.D

1. Parent Group Update– Carla
 - Parents voted Erin to be parent representative to the team
 - Parent group meet in July and Sept. There were good turn outs to both meetings
 - There were 2 nursing students helping in the child care room
 - They discussed training – something for B.I's and Discrete Trial Training. Sue mentioned that POPARD (the provincial outreach program for autism and related disorders) does have DT elearning modules. It might be an idea to show this at parent support group (short sessions). The Outreach program offers the full 5 day training, but only in Delta. The team thought it would be a good idea to also add this link to website. Sue mentioned that the District is looking at bringing in the 5 day Para Pro program next summer (July 2012). If they do, there will be some community seats available. Sue will let us know.

2. EPIC Group Update – Shareen
 - The EPIC group will be starting on Thursday Oct. 13, from 6:00-8:00
 - Shareen is still waiting for a few payments. The account will likely be out by \$250. Monthly expenses are about \$100. Not sure there is any way to cut. Need certain numbers (at least 12 kids) to run without loss. A motion was passed to reimburse Shareen the balance owing.
 - Shareen talked about her staffing needs. She expects that she will need 2 care workers. She also hopes that the 2 volunteers who helped last year will come back again. The committee will make a formal request for supported child care staffing. Carla will ask Sandy about what is needed in this request. It might be hard for the CDC to fund this request. The team brainstormed other support ideas...ie. students volunteers who are earning grad hours, Axis,... The team also talked about making sure there is some support for Shareen if she needs to call all the families to cancel her group. Alternately a sub plan can be put in place (i.e. Taylor subs for Shareen and an alternative care provider Is helper). Shareen will discuss this with Taylor.
 - Shareen will revise the registration form and give to Sue. Sue will ask her assistant to send out electronically to as many families as possible.

3. Training–Understanding Autism Workshop – request from Cari at CCRR. The team looked at the request. There were many items suggested and each one could be a workshop itself. Carla will get clarification

- Other workshops Fall: Anxiety workshop (Megan) – Anita will approach Megan to see about a date in Nov. (not Nov. 3 or 17 if it is a Thursday workshop or Nov. 19th if it has to be Sat. workshop). We will look at CDC as venue, in order to provide child/youth care support again.

January: Organization workshop MGW – SD staff

Spring: Personalized Supports – Dave and others to organize

4. Brochure – Anita updated the brochure and sent to Sue. Sue will distribute to team for feedback.
5. FRIEND2FRIEND – have puppets. There is a Utube video of it. Logistics of offering the program have yet to be worked out.
6. Other agenda items -
 - Money in the account - \$1049.00
 - Website – there was discussion of who owns the domain. Erin to update/advise further on this issue.
 - discussion of youth employment employers
7. Next meeting: Wed. November 9th 3:15