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Dear colleague:

Please find attached the final draft of the **Vancouver Coastal Region Early Years Report 2010**. This Report is offered to public and community as a tool for monitoring child health, well-being and developmental outcomes, and as a guide for future directions.

In addition to presenting data at both a regional and local level, the Report describes the work of a number of public and community organizations that support Early Years services in the region. Using existing logic models, the data is presented as a series of selected indicators that are each linked to one of the original four shared outcomes of the *Provincial ECD Evaluation Project*:

1. Mothers are healthy and give birth to healthy infants who remain healthy.
2. Children experience healthy early child development, including optimal early learning and care.
3. Parents and families have the knowledge, resources and support they need to help their children develop to their full potential.
4. Communities support the development of all children and families.

Building on the work of the *Provincial ECD Evaluation Project*, the Report also utilizes logic models developed by the health authorities and the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport through their Core Model Program Papers.

A primary purpose of the Report, in addition to serving as a resource and tool, was to utilize **existing** evaluation frameworks to **jointly** report on data collected by multiple regional partners. It is a demonstration of collaboration and evolving relationships.

The Report supports implementation of the Early Years Framework (2009) that was developed in partnership with the United Way of the Lower Mainland (UWLM), Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH), and Vancouver Coastal Region Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD), as well as region-wide representation of community-based ECD stakeholders. The Framework acknowledges that improving health and developmental outcomes across the Vancouver Coastal Region is a shared obligation for the partners, and this Report is representative of that partnership work. Also, in sharing data, it represents shared accountability about the partners' work promoting healthy child development in the region.

We encourage you to read the report and provide your thoughts and feedback. Did you find the report (content and/or format) useful? Did you share and/or apply it within the scope of your work? How frequently do you think this kind of report should be updated? To facilitate collecting this feedback, we have planned a teleconference for February 2011; to register for this teleconference, or to provide feedback directly, please contact either of us directly at alisonb@uwm.ca or Dave.Phillips@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

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