



Monthly Update

To: Aboriginal organizations

From: APFA staff

Date: Dec.1, 2006

Re: **November update**

The Aboriginal Peoples Family Accord (APFA) Board recently posted career opportunities for several positions including;

- **Director of Operations** – to be responsible for APFA operations
- **Executive Assistant** – to assist the Transition Coordinator, board of directors and political committee
- **Early Childhood Development (ECD) Senior Planners** (two half-time positions) to support Early Childhood Development programs within the Interior

Look for other career opportunities to be posted in the near future including;

- **Mental Health Planner** – to assist in mental wellness programs

While those of Aboriginal ancestry are preferred, the APFA welcomes resumes from those of all cultural backgrounds.

Allan Weselowski, the APFA **Community Linkage Manager** is currently coordinating the hiring of the Community Table Coordinators.

"In the Cariboo-Chilcotin zone we're going to be hiring a Community Table Coordinator today. We're moving towards filling these positions in the Shuswap and Kootenays as well. In the Okanagan, we're waiting for direction from the hiring committee and in the Lillooet-Lytton-Merritt Zone, I'm working on setting up a hiring committee."

Weselowski is based out of the Central Okanagan and can be reached at 250-**718-APFA** (2732).

APFA staff members Dan Odenbach, Communications Coordinator, and Aboriginal Wellness Coordinator for the Okanagan Zone, Sandra Young have taken the '**Foundations for Tomorrow**' training. Young has finished the entire six days of training while Odenbach will complete the second three-day session, entitled 'Breakthrough,' in January.

"For me, the training helped me along that important journey from my head to my heart. It's some of the most difficult work I've ever done, but also some of the most rewarding," said Odenbach. Young said, "After going to Foundations Breakthrough I feel as though I have some real clarity in my life...It was an amazing experience and I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to create something better for myself."

Foundations is a non-profit society which has a record of giving back to Aboriginal communities.

More information is available at 604-628-0153 or online at: **foundationsfortomorrow.org**

Other notables for the month of November are;

- At the **Aboriginal Provincial Forum** in Richmond, MCFD Deputy Minister Lesley du Toit reaffirmed her government's commitment to improving family services for Aboriginal People.
- Six youth, aged 16-24 years, from across the Interior will be part of the 30-member **Youth Advisory Council**. The deadline for applications is Dec. 15 with more information available at **1-888-775-1726**.
- The APFA is working towards setting up a toll-free telephone number.