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PPTRRC Quarterly Update

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This is a 'quarterly report' from the Office of the Provincial Paediatric Therapy Recruitment and Retention Coordinator (PPTRRC). The intent is that this update will increase awareness amongst stakeholders involved in paediatric therapy services in BC of the activities of this Office. Feel free to contact the Provincial Paediatric Therapy Recruitment and Retention Coordinator for further discussion or clarification regarding the content of this update. This is the second quarterly report for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

TherapyBC Email Database

The time has come to update the therapybc email database. This will help reduce duplicate emails and ensure the PPTRRC is able to efficiently disseminate information at both a regional and profession-specific level. **Please register to join the new therapybc email database by visiting the following link:**

http://www.therapybc.ca/clinician_register_new.php

The old database will be in effect until November 30th, and starting December 1st all correspondence from the PPTRRC will be disseminated via the new database. Please share this important information with your colleagues, and ensure they register with the site so we can continue to grow our paediatric therapist network in BC.

Website Resources

New additions

1. The Office has developed a document to introduce paediatric therapists new to practice in BC with the provincial networking and clinical support resources available:
<http://www.therapybc.ca/pdf/New%20Grad%20new%20hire%20support%20doc.pdf>.
2. 'PPTRRC Awards' page. This page recognizes past winners of the Awards, and contains information regarding the nomination process for the 2012 Awards:
<http://www.therapybc.ca/pptrrcawards.php>. **2012 Award nominations deadline is November 15, 2011, so start your nominations!**

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A reminder of existing resources

1. Don't forget about our eLibrary: a collection of forms, policies, and resources provided by agencies across the province. Be sure to visit the library before creating your own resource to see if a template already exists that could save you valuable time and effort. Also, if your agency has created resources that you are willing to share please forward to the PPTRRC so we can continue to build and improve the library:

<http://www.therapybc.ca/eLibrary/>

You Tube Channel e-Reader Contest

Congratulations to the Ridge Meadows Child Development Centre for winning the PPTRRC e-Reader contest! Their winning entry has only been up for two weeks now and already has over 150 views! It's too late to win an e-reader, but not too late to add to our library of videos. Visit our You Tube channel (<http://www.youtube.com/therapybc>) to view Ridge Meadows submission and get inspired to create one for your agency!

While there please note we also have two new webinars uploaded: a condensed version of the presentation I provide students regarding paediatric therapy opportunities in BC, and a virtual tour of the therapybc website.

Recruitment and Retention Initiatives

Webinar Series – The PPTRRC is working on several webinar opportunities for this winter. Topics to include emerging technologies in rehabilitation, a snapshot of key messages from the American Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine Conference this fall, and much more. Once dates and times are finalized the opportunities will be posted on the therapybc Upcoming Events board. Let the PPTRRC know if you have any ideas for other topics, and/or if you are interested in being a presenter: consultant@therapybc.ca.

University of Alberta Job Fair – The PPTRRC did a trip through Ontario earlier this spring, and is off to Edmonton this fall for a Health Sciences Career Fair. The University of Alberta therapy programs have large class sizes and many BC residents, so are often a great source of potential recruits.

AACPDM - The American Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine hosts an annual conference each year, and this year we are very excited to be involved in a poster presentation to share BC's eMentoring program developed by Sue Stewart, Sunny Hill Health Centre, and TherapyBC. There are also several other BC therapists heading down to the conference to present (Val Ward and Tanja Mason to name a couple others) and I'm sure more heading down to attend. I'll be dropping off some of our fabulous therapybc pens to the Sunny Hill crew to be liberally handed out at the conference to any attendee thinking of a move to BC.