

# PAFC Provincial Consultation

Advisory Council Meeting – April 15, 2011



# Overview

- Locations
- Attendees
- Structure
- Feedback
- Survey Summary
- Reports available on the web

# Locations

Cranbrook	Nanaimo	Powell River
Victoria	Terrace	Kamloops
Vancouver	Fort St. John	Kelowna
Chilliwack	Prince George	Vernon

# Attendance

- 270 people in total
- From 10 to 70 (Vancouver)
- Advertised in local media
- People with ASD, family members, professionals

# Structure

- Facilitated by Fred Ford
- Background info on PAFC presented and three main questions:
  - What should PACS know about current services in your region?
  - What services should be at the “hub” that would support you in your community / region?
  - What services should be at the “spoke” that would support you in your community / region?

# Feedback Received

- Two Forms
  - Current service issues
  - Themes around PAFC
- Participants generally positive to PAFC concept in 12 of 13 meetings

# Feedback – Current Service Issues

- Lack of / Inconsistency of services and/or service coordination and information
  - Transition points
  - Communication & Awareness of services
  - Need for a single reliable point of contact for families
- Inadequate resources and additional barriers in small communities and rural areas
- Assessment and diagnosis and Medical services
  - Variance by community
  - Wait times

# Feedback – Current Service Issues

- Lack of family services
- Lack of services for adults
- Training specific to families and professionals
- School and education issues
- Inefficient payment system for provincial autism funds

# Feedback – PAFC Themes

- Regional centres “spokes” – primary concern with local services
- Single person contact for “all things autism”
- Hub valued but start regional centres first
- Create navigator role
- Location and amenities

# Feedback – PAFC Themes

- Vancouver based Hub best for:
  - Clearing house for best practice information
  - Advocacy and watchdog role
  - Research
  - Training and Support – onsite/webinars etc.
  - Family support and counselling – hub and spokes
  - On site accommodation for families and professionals – divergent views

# Online Survey

- Online Survey – available on website September through December
- 316 respondents
- Not a statistically representative survey
- Made available through organizations active in ASD, through media advertising and at focus group meetings

# Survey Highlights

- Importance of province wide knowledge network
- Need for more information regarding how to have a child referred to BCAAN
- Need for more information on Diagnostic Assessments
- Multiple ways preferred to connect with PAFC
- Majority interested in receiving information on Parents Advisory Group