



PARENT & COMMUNITY UPDATE

May 22, 2020

At this time, Deaf Children's Society of BC is pleased to announce that the Ministry of Children and Family Development has provided one-time funding to BC Family Hearing Resource Society to help alleviate the financial pressures faced by BC's three Early Intervention agencies.

How This Will Impact DCS

- BC Family Hearing Resource Society has now allocated an additional \$230,550 to Deaf Children's Society of BC for the 2020-2021 fiscal year
- MCFD funding will now account for 52% of DCS' Operating Budget
- DCS still anticipates a \$200,000 deficit based on projected operating costs
- This one-time funding will allow the DCS Preschool to continue operating, however we do anticipate some changes to programming
- DCS will evaluate its new financial position to determine overall impact on service delivery, including the frequency of individual ASL, Speech & Language, and Outreach Services, as well as group programming
- DCS will provide a full update and Press Release early next week

DCS would like to acknowledge MCFD and thank them for providing this much needed funding to help address the immediate needs of deaf and hard of hearing children and their families.

DCS would also like to thank the parents, families and Deaf community members that have supported our collective efforts by writing letters, signing the petition, and sharing their stories. We would also like to recognize EASE BC for their important advocacy work. We are so very grateful.

We are committed to strengthening our relationship with all levels of Provincial and Federal Government and will continue to work towards our goal of equitable access to Early Intervention programs and services for all deaf and hard of hearing children in BC. We still have a long road ahead of us, we appreciate your ongoing support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Meneian".

Lisa Meneian
Executive Director,
Deaf Children's Society of BC