

RESOURCE GUIDE

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ADVOCACY/PERSONAL SUPPORTS

ACT BC (Autism Community Training)

Suite 240 – 2250 Boundary Road,
Burnaby, BC, Canada V5M 3Z3
Phone: 604-205-5467, Toll-free: 1-866-939-5188
Fax: 604-205-5345
Email: info@autismcommunitytraining.bc.ca
www.actbc.ca

Autism Info, Parent Support, Training & Workshops, & Qualified Service Provider List.

ADVOCATE FOR SERVICE QUALITY FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

604-775-1238

Toll Free: 1 800 663 7867

#820 - 999 West Broadway, Vancouver, BC V5Z 1K5

Jane Holland is the Advocate for Service Quality. Her job is to help with developmental disabilities and their families get good quality services. She can help with services from CLBC and other Ministries or from service agencies in the community.

THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE SEVERELY HANDICAPPED (TASH)

604- 534-8611

This organization provides family support for people labelled as severely handicapped. They are comprised of family members and professionals who are working together to represent the interests and needs of person with multiple disabilities.

AUTISM FUNDS PROCESSING UNIT (MCFD)

PO BOX 9776 STN PROV GOVT

Victoria, BC V8W 9S5

Phone: 1-877-777-3530

Fax: 1-250-356-8578

www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/autism

THE AUTISM SOCIETY OF BC

604-434-0880

www.autismbc.ca

The Autism Society of British Columbia (ASBC) was started in 1975 and is a parent based and directed society providing support to individuals with autism and their families in British Columbia and Yukon. They promote understanding, acceptance, and full community inclusion for people with autism in British Columbia while providing support for the realization of the rights and informed choices of individuals with autism and their families.

AUTISM SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

#303 - 3701 East Hastings Street

Burnaby, BC V5C 2H6

Phone: 604-434-0880, 1-888-437-0880

Fax: 604-434-0801

www.autismbc.ca

BC ABORIGINAL NETWORK ON DISABILITY SOCIETY (BCANDS)

Phone: 250-381-7303, 1-888-815-5511

Fax: 250-381-7312

www.bcands.bc.ca

BCANDS provides a variety of support services and resources to help aboriginal people with disabilities, and others associated with the disabled.

BC ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING (BCACL)

300-30 East 6th Avenue
Vancouver, BC V5T 4P4
Phone: 604-875-1119
Fax: 604-875-6744

www.bcacl.org

The BC Association for Community Living is a provincial association dedicated to promoting the participation of people with developmental disabilities in all aspects community life. They also support activities dedicated to building inclusive communities that value the diverse abilities of all people.

BC CENTRE FOR ABILITY

2805 Kingsway
Vancouver, BC V5R 5H9
Phone: 604-451-5511
Fax: 604-451-5651

www.centreforability.bc.ca

Providing individualized therapy & support services to children & youth (SLP, OT, PT, Supported Child Development), vocational & support services for adults, & promoting successful community participation for individuals with disabilities.

BC COALITION FOR PEOPLE WTH DISABILITIES

204-456 West Broadway
Vancouver, BC V5Y 1R3
604-875-0188, Toll-free: 1-800-663-1278
TTY: 604-875-8835
Fax: 604-875-9227

www.bccpd.bc.ca

The BC Coalition of People with Disabilities is a provincial, cross-disability advocacy organization. Our mandate is to raise public and political awareness of issues that concern us. We hope, through our work, to facilitate the full participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of society and to promote independence.

BC CONFEDERATION OF PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

#350 - 5172 Kingsway
Burnaby, BC V5H 2E8
Phone: 604-687-4433, 1-866-529-4397
Fax: 604-687-4488

www.bccpac.bc.ca

To improve public education for all students by including and supporting parents.

BC CRIME PREVENTION ASSOCIATION

Website: www.bccpa.org

BC HUMAN RIGHTS TRIBUNAL

The Tribunal is responsible for accepting, screening, mediating and adjudicating human rights complaints.

Tel: (604) 775-2000
TTY: (604) 775-2021
Toll Free: 1-800-440-8844
Website: www.bchrt.bc.ca

BC PARAPLEGIC ASSOCIATION

780 S.W. Marine Drive
Vancouver, BC V6P 5Y7
Phone: 604-324-3611
1-877-324-3611
Fax: 604-326-1229
www.bcpara.org

To assist persons with spinal cord injuries & other physical disabilities to achieve independence, self reliance & full community participation.

CANADIAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND (CNIB Vancouver)

100-5055 Joyce Street
Vancouver, BC V5R 6B2
Phone: 604-431-2020
Fax: 604-431-2099
www.cnib.ca

Provides service and support for people who are blind or visually impaired. Services include counseling and referral, rehabilitation, orientation and mobility training, sight enhancement and technical aids.

CANUCK PLACE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

1690 Matthews Avenue
Vancouver, BC V6J 2T2
Phone: 604-731-4847, 1-877-882-2288 (within BC)
Fax: 604-739-4376
www.canuckplace.org

CBI CONSULTANTS- Behavioural Support

204-3970 Hastings Street
Burnaby, BC V5C 6C1
Phone: 604-320-1960
Fax: 604-320-1961
www.cbiconsultants.com

CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION OF BC

801-409 Granville Street
Vancouver, BC V6C 1T2
Phone: 604-408-9484, 1-800-663-0004
Fax: 604-408-9489
www.bccerebralpalsy.com

CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER

Phone: 604-222-4043
Website: www.vcn.bc.ca/chaddvan
A support group of families of those with Attention Deficit Disorders.

DEAF ACCESS OFFICE

Phone: 604 775-1364, 1-800-667-4770 (Voice)
TTY: 604 660-0508
Fax: 604 660-1859
www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/psdhh/access.htm

Promotes access to government services and benefits that meet the needs of deaf, hard-of-hearing, and deaf-blind persons and their families in BC.

DEAFBLIND SERVICES SOCIETY OF BC

Phone: 604 277-9249

Fax: 604 277-9251

www.deafblindservices.com

Deafblind Services Society is committed to creating awareness and educating the broader community about the uniqueness of deafblindness and the resources required to effectively support persons who are deafblind and their families.

DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTRE (DRC)

Information and networking services for people who have disability and accessibility needs.

Phone: 604-232-2404

Email: elladrc@shaw.ca

Website: www.drcrichmond.ca

DOWN SYNDROME RESEARCH FOUNDATION

604 – 444- 3773

1409 Sperling Ave. Burnaby, BC V5B-4J8

www.dsrf.org

The Down Syndrome Research Foundation promotes research and provides family support and research-based information related to Down syndrome. They have an extensive library of information.

FAMILY SUPPORT INSTITUTE

604- 875-1119

300 - 30 East 6th Avenue

Vancouver, BC V5T 4P4

Toll Free: 1-800-441-5403

Fax: (604) 875-6744

Email: fsi@bcacl.org

www.familysupportbc.com

The Family Support Institute is a province-wide organization whose purpose is to strengthen and support families faced with the extraordinary circumstances that come with having a family member who has a disability. They believe that families are the best resource available to support one another. Directed by families, the Family Support Institute provides information, training and province-wide networking to assist families and their communities to build upon and share their strengths.

FAS SUPPORT NETWORK OF BC

13279 72nd Ave

Surrey, BC V3W 2N5

Phone: (604) 589-1854

Fax: (604) 589-8438

www.fetalalcohol.com

Mandate to educate, train & support front line workers, birth, foster & adoptive parents directly involved with FAS/FAE individuals.

FASD CONNECTIONS

www.fasdconnections.ca

Serving adolescents and adults with FASD.

FEDERATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA YOUTH IN CARE NETWORK

Phone: 1-800-565-8055

Website: www.fbcyicn.ca

Local groups run by and for youth in and from government care provide support, friendship, self-help, information and representation of youth in and from government care.

LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA – Vancouver Chapter

3292 E Broadway,
Vancouver, BC, V5M 1Z8
Phone: 604-873-8139
Fax: 604-873-8140

www.ldav.ca

Provides programs, support meetings, and information to promote the education, social development, legal rights, & well-being of people with learning disabilities. This chapter serves Vancouver, Richmond, & Burnaby.

LOWER MAINLAND DOWN SYNDROME SOCIETY

201-13281 72nd Avenue
Surrey, BC V3W 2N5
Phone: 604-591-2702
Fax: 604-591-2730

www.lmdss.com

LMDSS strives to promote opportunities for individuals with Down Syndrome. They do this through supporting families, promoting public awareness, networking with other organizations and individuals and lobbying for appropriate educational, vocational and social opportunities.

**MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION OF CANADA - Western Canada Regional Office
(servicing communities in BC & Yukon)**

7th Floor, 1401 West Broadway
Vancouver, BC V6H 1H6
Phone: 604-732-8799, 1-800-366-8166
Fax: 604-731-6127

www.mdac.ca

NORD – NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR RARE DISORDERS

Phone: 203-744-0100
Toll-free: 1-800-999-6673 (voicemail only)
TDD Number: 203-797-9590

www.rarediseases.org

OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

Phone: 250-387-5855, 1-800-567-3247

www.ombudsman.bc.ca

Receives inquiries and complaints about the practices and services provided by public bodies, and may investigate to determine if the public body is being fair to the people it serves.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP FOR FAMILIES OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS SOCIETY

Contact information:

Gwen Lee: 604-321-6230

Janice Reithofer: 604-438-1291

www.members.shaw.ca/parentsupport

Email: parentsupport@shaw.ca

The Parent Support Group (PSG) is now a non-profit charitable organization run by volunteer parents and friends and funded through memberships and donations from families and the community. It is dedicated to helping families improve the quality of life for mentally handicapped adults.

PHILIA – A DIALOGUE ON CITIZENSHIP

260-3665 Kingsway
Vancouver, BC V5R 5W2
Phone: 604-439-9566
Fax: 604-439-7001

www.philia.ca - The Philia Project provides a voice for the full inclusion of Canada's citizens.

PLANNED LIFETIME ADVOCACY NETWORK (PLAN)

260-3665 Kingsway
Vancouver, BC
Phone: 604-439-9566
Fax: 604-439-7001

www.plan.ca

Organization to assist families answer “what happens to our child with a disability when we die.” Advocacy services, up-to-date legal info on Wills estates, trustees, & financial planning. Works with families in developing personal support networks for their relative with a disability.

PROVINCIAL SERVICES DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

Website: www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/psdhh/

“RED BOOK”

Phone: 604-875-6431

<http://www2.vpl.vancouver.bc.ca/redbook/>

The Red Book Online offers the most complete online guide to Community, Social and Government agencies and services across the Lower Mainland.

ROEHER INSTITUTE

www.roeher.ca

The Roeher Institute is a leading policy-research and development organization. Its mission is to generate knowledge, information & skills to secure the inclusion, citizenship, human rights and equality of people with intellectual and other disabilities.

SELF ADVOCACY NETWORK

www.selfadvocatenet.com

SPINA BIFIDA AND HYDROCEPHALUS ASSOCIATION OF BC

4480 Oak Street
Vancouver, BC V6H 3V4
Phone: 604-878-7000
Fax: 604-677-6608

www.sbhabc.org

SUNNY HILL HEALTH CENTRE for Children

3644 Slocan Street
Vancouver, BC V5M 3E8
Phone: 604-453-8300
Fax: 604-453-8301

A Tertiary Care, teaching, & research facility. Service children 0-19 with complex disabilities including FAS, PDD, ASD, NAS, etc.

SUNNY HILL SEXUAL HEALTH RESOURCES NETWORK

604-453-8335 ext 1
Room S225 – 3644 Slocan Street
Vancouver, BC, V5M 3E8
Toll free: 1-800-331-1533 ext.1
Tel: 604-453-8335 ext. 1
Fax: 604-875-3455

www.cw.bc.ca/sunnyhill/shrl/

This is a resource for person wishing to obtain information regarding sexual development for children and young adults with disabilities. They have an extensive resource and information library, a directory of Service Providers who specialise in addressing issues of sexuality and sexual abuse and provide training and education programs to parents and service providers.

UNTAPE.COM

Website: www.untape.com

This site is designed to help parents cut through the red tape while getting help for children with disabilities from the government and community agencies.

VELA MICROBOARD ASSOCIATION

100-17564 56A Avenue
Surrey, BC V3S 1G3
Phone: 604-575-2588
Fax: 604-575-2589

www.microboard.org

Vela Microboard provides information and assistance to individuals and families interested in forming a Microboard. A Microboard is a small group of committed family and friends that join together with a person to create a small non profit society that will address the person’s needs in an empowering and customised fashion. Microboards may then apply to governments to contract services on behalf of the person they represent.

WESTERN INSTITUTE FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

Website: www.widhh.com

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**SUPPORT GROUPS**

**ADHD PARENT SUPPORT GROUP (Vancouver & West Vancouver)**

Provide support to parents with children who have been diagnosed with ADHD.  
Meeting: last Wednesday of the month  
Hollyburn Elementary School – 1329 Duchess Avenue, West Vancouver  
Contact Kathy 604-775-1716, Fran 604-783-9878

**ASBC – PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**

Provide support to parents/families with autistic children.  
Meeting: monthly  
Phone: 604-434-0880

**BC EPILEPSY SOCIETY – LOWER MAINLAND ADULT GROUP**

To provide information and public education about epilepsy. Provide support to those living with epilepsy.  
Meeting: first Thursday of every month from 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
120-535 West 10<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vancouver  
Phone: 604-875-6704 ext 12, 1-866-374-5377  
Contact: Astarte Sands at Head Office  
Email: [info@bcepilepsy.com](mailto:info@bcepilepsy.com)

**BIOMEDICAL TREATMENT FOR ASD IN BC**

This group was started by parents for parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders in BC. It is a place to share ideas and lend support.  
Contact: Laura Costas  
Email: [arilaura2@yahoo.ca](mailto:arilaura2@yahoo.ca)

**BURNABY ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY INCLUSION**

Website designed to help parents cut through the red tape while getting help for their children with disabilities.  
Website: [www.untape.com](http://www.untape.com)

### **CANADIAN HARD OF HEARING ASSOCIATION OF BC (CHHA-BC)**

A province wide network of parents, families and friends of hard of hearing children.

Meeting: monthly (plus special events).

Location: Surrey (some events are held at other locations)

Contact: Janet Les

Phone: 604-794-3772

Email: [janetles@canada.com](mailto:janetles@canada.com)

### **CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION OF BC**

102-317 Columbia Street

New Westminster, BC V3L 1A7

Phone: 604.515.9455

Website: [www.bccerebralpalsy.com](http://www.bccerebralpalsy.com)

Provides information, referrals and support groups.

### **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION**

[www.develop.bc.ca](http://www.develop.bc.ca)

Family Advocacy and Support Program

Assists families to advocate for supports and services for their children. Offers information component on available services in the community and connects families with one another.

Contact: Terry Schenkel or Tina Pardiwala at 604-273-9778

### **DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTRE – CHINESE SUPPORT GROUP**

To provide information and resources for people with disabilities & kids with diverse special needs.

To explore job opportunities for people with disabilities. In support of a future residence that will provide independent or assisted living for people with disabilities.

Meeting: monthly, every third Saturday, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Language used: Cantonese & Mandarin

Location: Disability Resource Centre, 160-5726 Minoru Road, Richmond

Contact: Ella Huang @ Disability Resource Centre 604-232-2404 or Katy Kwong @ Chinese Support Group 604-270-0868

Email: [elladrc@shaw.ca](mailto:elladrc@shaw.ca)

### **DOWN SYNDROME RESEARCH FOUNDATION PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**

To offer a network for parents that provide encouragement and to share experiences, strategies and successes.

Meeting: first Thursday of every month from 6:30 – 8:30 pm (no meetings in July & August)

1409 Sperling Avenue, Burnaby

Contact: Anne Eichmann

Email: [anne@dsrf.org](mailto:anne@dsrf.org)

Phone: 604-444-3773

### **FAMILY SERVICES OF GREATER VANCOUVER**

202 1193 Kingsway

Vancouver, BC V5V 3C9

Phone: 604-874-9898

Website: [www.fsgv.ca](http://www.fsgv.ca)

Provides workshops on parenting and counselling. Minimal fee.

### **FAMILY SUPPORT INSTITUTE**

227 6<sup>th</sup> Street, New Westminster, BC

Phone: 604-777-9100

Website: [www.familysupportbc.com](http://www.familysupportbc.com)

The Family Support Institute has trained volunteer Resource Parents. These parents have experience raising a child with a disability, and have specialized knowledge in areas such as preschool years, educational opportunities, respite options, family support and advocacy. Resource parents work voluntarily and independently where they live.

### **FASD WEEKLY SUPPORT GROUP**

Tuesday, 10 am – 1 pm

Phone: 778-991-1657

[www.sos4fasd.org](http://www.sos4fasd.org)

Weekly meetings for support, advocacy, networking & strategies.

### **INFORMAL FAMILY EMAIL NETWORK**

Welcomes parents, caregivers, professionals and anyone else with an interest in autism. Information sharing & serving as an informal liaison to connect parents who can help each other out. Put groups of parents in the network in touch with each other for ad hoc support as needed, social groups for the kids, etc.

Contact: Dawn Steele @ 604-784-1480 or email [dawns@telus.net](mailto:dawns@telus.net)

### **JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES ASSOCIATION**

General support for children's and adult's issues for Jewish families.

Meeting: Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month 7:30-9:00pm

Place: 305-1985 W Broadway, Vancouver

Contact: Debbie Havusha, 604-257-5151

### **LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA/ VANCOUVER**

3292 E. Broadway

Vancouver, BC V5M-1Z8

Phone: 604-873-8139

Website: [www.ldav.ca](http://www.ldav.ca)

Learning Disabilities Association provides programs, support meetings, and information to promote the education, social development, legal rights and well-being of people with learning disabilities.

### **LESBIAN, GAY, TRANSGENDER, BISEXUAL PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

3727 Renfrew St., @ 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave

Contact: Chris @ 604-684-8499 or Margaret @ 604-434-9579

Email: [generationsproject@lgtbcentrevancouver.com](mailto:generationsproject@lgtbcentrevancouver.com) or [margaret@shadeconsulting.ca](mailto:margaret@shadeconsulting.ca)

Social, Supportive and Safe environment for LGTB people with developmental disabilities.

Meeting: third Thursday of every month

### **PARENT DISCUSSION GROUP**

#### **VSB STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

When: first Tuesday of the Month 7:00-8:30 pm

Who: parents of students with Special Needs in the VSB

Where: Lord Byng High School, 3939 West 16th Ave

For More information: Pam Neuman, [pneuman@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:pneuman@vsb.bc.ca) 604-713-5213

Childcare: We will do our best to provide limited childcare for all of your children. This will be provided by volunteers. Please contact Pam if you will be bringing your kids with you.

This is a recurring discussion group for VSB parents who have children with disabilities. Some of the topics will include how to navigate the VSB system, how to access outside agencies and funding, how to find good summer programs and so forth.

This discussion series will be facilitated by Pam Neuman, Inclusion Consultant at the VSB, and parent of a student with disabilities. Guests such as consultants from SET BC, a VSB SLP, and so forth will be brought in to provide information each month. There will also be an opportunity at each meeting for parents and their kids to connect socially.

### **PARENT HELPLINE & E-SUPPORT**

Phone: 778-782-3548, Email: [infochild@sfu.ca](mailto:infochild@sfu.ca)

Help is just a phone call or email away for parents or anyone with child-rearing concerns. We offer information, support and referrals. Calls and emails usually are followed up with written material. No question or issue is too big or too small, so please do not hesitate to contact us!

## **PARENT SUPPORT GROUP FOR FAMILIES OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS SOCIETY**

Contact information:

Gwen Lee: 604-321-6230

Janice Reithofer: 604-438-1291

[www.members.shaw.ca/parentsupport](http://www.members.shaw.ca/parentsupport)

Email: [parentsupport@shaw.ca](mailto:parentsupport@shaw.ca)

The Parent Support Group (PSG) is now a non-profit charitable organization run by volunteer parents and friends and funded through memberships and donations from families and the community. It is dedicated to helping families improve the quality of life for mentally handicapped adults.

## **PARENT SUPPORT GROUP FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WHO HAVE PRADER WILLI SYNDROME**

Meets 3-4 times a year in Vancouver with 20-40 people attending.

Contact: Cindy Armstrong at 604-275-2527

## **PARENT SUPPORT SERVICES OF BC**

201-1155 West Pender Street

Vancouver, BC V6E 2P4

1-800-665-6880

Phone: 604-669-1616

Fax: 604-669-1636

[www.parentsupportbc.ca](http://www.parentsupportbc.ca)

Parent support circles, workshops, resources, & parenting workshops

## **PARENT TO PARENT @ JERICHO**

General support for children's issues including ASD.

Childminding: available on site when requested at least one week in advance of meeting.

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month 9:30 – 11:30 am

Place: MFRC trailer on Falais Lane at 4050 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vancouver

Contact: Jenna, 604-724-5509, [jenna@dunbarlumbar.com](mailto:jenna@dunbarlumbar.com)

## **SHOP TALK – GROUP FOR FATHERS OF SONS WITH AUTISM**

To provide a supportive environment within which fathers can talk about and share their experience of raising a son with autism and hear from other men who face many of those same challenges.

Meeting: twice monthly (every other week on Thursday)

Contact: Miriam Elfert of CBI Consultants @ 604-677-7911

Email: [melfert@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:melfert@interchange.ubc.ca)

## **SOCIETY OF SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTIVE PARENTS (SNAP)**

101-2780 East Broadway

Vancouver, BC. V5M 1Y8

Phone & Fax: 604-687-3114

Peer support group. Trained resource parent network providing mutual and one to one support to parents with special needs children. Lending library for members. Quarterly newsletter entitled "Family Groundwork".

## **VANCOUVER CHINESE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**

General support for children's issues including ASD in Cantonese & Mandarin.

Childminding: available on site when requested at least one week in advance of meeting.

Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Place: 4948 Fraser St, Vancouver

Contact: John, 604-323-1328 [john\\_tsang2000@yahoo.ca](mailto:john_tsang2000@yahoo.ca)

**VANCOUVER DOWN SYNDROME SUPPORT NETWORK**

General support and information for children 0-5 years with Down Syndrome.  
Meeting: First Thursday of the month 6:30-8:30pm  
Place: DDA Child & Family Services at 3455 Kaslo Street, Vancouver  
Contact: Leslie Rappard, 604-301 2828

**YOUTH IN TRANSITION**

Support information for transition to adulthood  
Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month from 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Place: Room 104/105 Pacific Community Health Centre, 2110 W 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave  
Contact: Rachele, 604-264-1240 [r\\_czerwinski@hotmail.com](mailto:r_czerwinski@hotmail.com)

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EDUCATION

ADULT LEARNING DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (ALDA)

Website: www.alda-bc.org

ADULT SPECIAL EDUCATION (ASE)

Phone: 250-387-6174
Fax: 250-387-0878
www.aved.gov.bc.ca/adultspeialed

Services to assist students in their transition from secondary to post-secondary education, support services to assist them in their study and special equipment and resources.

DOUGLAS COLLEGE

Phone: 604 527-5171
www.douglas.bc.ca

Provides work-related schooling for persons with developmental disabilities. Program is called Basic Occupational Education. Consumer & Job preparation program, Port Moody residents have first priority.

KWANTLEN COLLEGE – Access Program for People with Disabilities

www.kwantlen.ca

The goal of the Access Program for People with Disabilities (formerly Adult Special Education) department is to provide post-secondary education for adults with various disabilities. This program will help students to enhance their independence & employability skills.

For further information: Surrey, 12666 72nd Ave, Yale Shap @ 604-599-2937 or Nicola Sales @ 604-599-2934; Richmond, 8771 Lansdowne Road, Barbara Thomas-Bruzzese @ 604 599-2530; Langley, 20901 Langley By-Pass, Fraser Crinklaw @ 604-599-3340; Newton, 604-599-2000.

LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION OF BC (Vancouver Chapter)

Phone: 604-873-8139
www.ldav.ca

Learning Centre provides remedial academic classes, social skill development, creative art therapy, support to young adults.

LOWER MAINLAND EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

www.lmer.ca

START NOW! WORK FUTURES FOR ENTRY LEVEL JOBS

<http://startnow.workfutures.bc.ca/>

STEPS FORWARD – Inclusive Post Secondary Education Society

Phone: 604-825-7618, www.steps-forward.org

STEPS' mandate is to transform post-secondary education in the province of BC by modelling inclusion for students with intellectual disabilities, starting at UBC (STEPS-Campus) and eventually expanding to other colleges and universities throughout the Lower Mainland and the rest of the province.

STUDENT AID BC

Phone: 604-660-2610, www.studentaidbc.ca

Helps eligible students with the costs of post-secondary studies at colleges, universities, university colleges, institutes and private training institutions. Grants may be available for part-time students and for students who have dependents.

VANCOUVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Phone: 604-443-8451

Fax: 604-443-8433

Provides work-related schooling for person with developmental disabilities. Programs include Retail Food & Supermarket Careers & Career Awareness. Also offers part-time school in Reading, Writing, Money Management, Computer Applications, Clerical Training Options.

VANCOUVER SCHOOL BOARD

School District 39, 1580 West Broadway

Vancouver, BC V6J 5K8

Phone: 604-713-5000

Fax: 604-713-5049

www.vsb.bc.ca

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**ASSISTIVE DEVICES**

**ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY – B.C.**

#108-1750 West 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6P 6G2

Phone: 604-264-8295

Fax/TTY: 604-263-2267

[www.at-bc.ca](http://www.at-bc.ca)

Provides assistive technology resources to persons with disabilities and members of the environments in which they study or work in order to create equitable and useable environments.

**CAYA (COMMUNICATION ASSISTANCE FOR YOUNG ADULTS)**

105-1750 West 75<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vancouver, BC V6P 6G2

Phone: 604-261-9450

Fax: 604-261-2256

[www.cayabc.org](http://www.cayabc.org)

CAYA is an initiative of Special Education Technology BC (SET-BC) to serve adults between the ages of 19-27 who require augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) assistance.

**TETRA SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA**

Suite 207 - 3077 Granville Street

Vancouver, BC V6H3J9

Phone: 604-688-6464, 1-877-688-8762

Fax: 604-688-6463

[www.tetrasociety.org](http://www.tetrasociety.org)

Recruits skilled volunteer engineers and technicians to create assistive devices for people with disabilities.

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EMPLOYMENT/CAREER PLANNING

ABORIGINAL HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF CANADA

www17.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca

This council works towards improving Aboriginal People's access to jobs and operates Canada's main aboriginal employment system.

ACCESSWORKS

Website: www.accessworks.ca

BC CENTRE FOR ABILITY

Website: www.centreforability.bc.ca

CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Website: <http://vancouver-burnaby.cmha.bc.ca/services/employment>

CITY OF VANCOUVER EMPLOYMENT EQUITY PROGRAM

Website: www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/eo/

CNIB CAREER SERVICES

Suite 100, 5055 Joyce Street
Vancouver, BC V5R 6B2
Phone: 604-431-2020
Fax: 604-41-2099

EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (EPPD)

Phone: 604-660-2421, 1-866-866-0800
<http://www.eia.gov.bc.ca/pwd/employ.htm>

The Ministry of Human Resources provides vocational services and supports to persons with disabilities.

GASTOWN VOCATIONAL SERVICES

Website: www.gvsonline.ca

IAM CARES (NORTH VANCOUVER)

Website: www.iamcares.com

JOBS WEST (Developmental Disabilities Association)

An employment service for adults with developmental disabilities and a service to help employers match, train, and retain qualified staff. Referrals through CLBC.

LINK UP EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Website: www.linkup.ca

LOWER MAINLAND EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

Website: www.lmer.ca

LUCAS CENTRE

Contact Steve or Wendy: 604-903-4688
North Shore Pre-employment Training Centre. North Shore residents have priority. Referrals through CLBC.

MOSAIC EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

Website: www.mosaicbc.com

ORION HEALTH CARE PRE-EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Phone: 604-515-0252

www.orionhealth.ca

The PES program is designed for individuals with disabilities to assist them in taking the first steps towards independence & employment. The program is designed so that the individual and the employment specialist work cooperatively to identify areas for improvement and receive education and skill development in a supportive environment.

POLARIS (Employment Support for Adults with Learning Disabilities)

Phone: 604-430-1557

Provides employment counselling and job placement for people with a developmental disability. As an employment resource centre, supports job seekers through information, resources, and access to computers, phones and fax machine. Funded by HRSDC & MCFD. Non-profit society.

SUSTAINABLE EMPLOYMENT NETWORK INC. (SENI)

Website: www.senibc.com/programs.htm

THEO BC

Website: www.theobc.org/programoverview.htm

TRIUMPH VOCATIONAL SERVICES

100-856 Homer Street

Vancouver, BC V6B 2W5

Phone: 604-689-1896

www.triumphvocational.com

Triumph Vocational Services offered a full range of services, from disability management and assertiveness training to skill-gap training and job placement. We'll assist you to discover your goals and help you develop the confidence to pursue them, on your own terms. We also work with employers to help create positive work experiences.

VOCATIONAL & SUPPORT SERVICES (offered through Centre for Ability)

2805 Kingsway

Vancouver, BC V5R 5H9

Phone: 604-451-5511

Fax: 604-451-5651

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES

The Vocational Rehabilitation Services falls under the Ministry of Human Resources and helps to remove barriers to training and employment for people with permanent disabilities. Services are offered throughout the province through community-based service providers. They will assist you with:

- workplace/vehicle modification;
- disability related goods & services, such as prescriptive goods, wheelchairs;
- restorative goods, such as prosthetic & orthotic devices, adaptive equipment;
- technical aids to assist with education and employment;
- funding such as loans & grants for tuition, books, transportation, etc.;
- vocational counselling, assessment, career planning, etc.

To be eligible for VRS assistance the person must be a resident of BC, at least 16 years of age, have a permanent disability that prevent or hinders him/her from participating in training or the labour market and through assessment, have a realistic potential to benefit from VRS. To apply contact an Employment & Assistance Worker at the MHR.

WORKABLE SOLUTIONS

The workable solutions website offers employment opportunities posted by employers looking to hire qualified persons with disabilities. Post your profile & search for jobs at website:

www.workablesolutionsbc.ca.

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**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**BC MINISTRY OF SMALL BUSINESS AND REVENUE**

Persons with certain physical disabilities are eligible for a refund of the provincial tax they pay on gasoline, diesel, or propane used in their vehicles.

Phone: 604-660-4524

Website: [www.gov.bc.ca/sbr](http://www.gov.bc.ca/sbr)

**DISABILITY TAX CREDIT AND BENEFIT**

Phone: 1-800-959-8281

[www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tax/individuals/segments/disabilities/menu-e.html](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tax/individuals/segments/disabilities/menu-e.html)

There is a non-refundable tax credit that reduces the amount of income tax that may be owed by people with disabilities or the people who support them.

**INCOME ASSISTANCE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES DESIGNATION (PWD) (Ministry of Housing & Social Development – MHSD)**

Phone: 604-660-2421 - Enquiry BC will refer callers to the appropriate MHSD office and transfer callers free of charge.

[www.eia.gov.bc.ca](http://www.eia.gov.bc.ca)

Financial assistance is available for individuals age 18 or over who are eligible for BC Benefits (income assistance), have a physical or mental impairment of at least two years duration and who require help with daily living activities. **Persons with Disability Benefits** application forms are available at the Employment Assistance offices. These forms must be completed by the client, his/her doctor and health professional assessor of his/her choice. The health assessor must be a certified health professional and be, preferably, familiar with the applicant. Must be 18 to apply.

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FUNDING AND SUPPORTS

CAMPSITE FEES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/fees/fees.html#disabilities

Persons with Disabilities may be eligible to camp for free in road accessible BC provincial parks.

CANADA DISABILITY SAVINGS BOND

A Canada Disability Savings Bond is a paid by the Government of Canada directly into a registered disability savings plan. Depending on the beneficiary’s family income, the Government of Canada may contribute up to \$1,000 each year. The lifetime bond limit is \$20,000. A Canada Disability Savings Bond can be paid into an RDSP until the year in which the beneficiary turns 49 years old.

CANADA DISABILITY SAVINGS GRANT

A Canada Disability Savings Grant is a supplement that the Government of Canada contributes to a Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP). Depending on the beneficiary's family income and contribution level, the Government may grant up to \$3 for every \$1 in contribution received by an RDSP in a year, to a maximum of \$3,500. The lifetime grant limit is \$70,000. A CDSG can be paid into a RDSP on a contribution made to the beneficiary's RDSP by December 31 of the year of the beneficiary turns 49 years old.

CHILDREN & YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS FUND

The Children and Youth with Special Needs Fund provides grants to families who have children or youth (newborn to 19 years) with special needs living at home. The Fund offers one-time capital grants to help enhance or improve the individual's health, development or ability to participate in daily activities at home, in school and in the community.

www.givinginaction.ca

CANADA STUDY GRANT FOR THE ACCOMMODATION OF STUDENTS WITH PERMANENT DISABILITIES (CSG-PD)

Phone: 250-387-6174

Fax: 250-387-0878

www.aved.gov.bc.ca/adultspecaled/resource/funding.htm

This program helps students overcome educational barriers due to their permanent disability. Students may be eligible to receive a non-repayable federal grant (up to \$8,000 per program year) to buy adaptive equipment and support services to help them access public or private post-secondary institutions.

CHILDREN'S WISH FOUNDATION OF CANADA

3807 William St

Burnaby, BC V5C 3J1

Phone: 604-299-2241

Fax: 604-299-1228

Email: BC@childrenswish.ca

Website: www.childrenswish.ca

Charitable organization, which grants wishes for children and youth 3-18 years with high-risk life threatening illnesses. Serves BC and Yukon.

CKNW ORPHAN'S FUND

Administrator: Shirley Stock

2000-700 West Georgia Street

Vancouver, BC V7Y 1K9

Phone: 604-331-2711

Fax: 604-331-2760

Website: www.cknw.com (CKNW Orphan's Fund Administrator)

Fund assists local organizations and agencies concerned with the welfare of underprivileged and disabled children. Projects supported include an annual picnic at Playland, clothing gift certificates at Christmas, and children's camps.

COMMUNICATION ASSISTANCE FOR YOUNG ADULTS (CAYA)

Phone: 604-261-9450 ext 318

Email: jriley@cayabc.org

Website: www.cayabc.ca

Serving adults between ages 19-27 who require alternative or augmentative communication (AAC) assistance.

ELKS PURPLE CROSS FUND (Elks Canada)

100-2629 29th Ave
Regina, SK S4S 2N9
Phone: 1-888-843-3557
Fax: 306-565-2860

Provides financial aid to children up to the age of 19 in a variety of special circumstances, when funding is not available from any other source and financial need is demonstrated. For instance, aid may be available for travel and temporary housing when it is required for special medical care, and devices which assist special needs children. Services available in French.

HERMAN BISCHOFF FOUNDATION

Phone: 604-872-7888
Fax: 604-872-7889
Email: wleckie@direct.ca

Grants under \$1000 are distributed twice a year to groups or individuals providing recreational or social activities and services to disabled people in Vancouver.

MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION

1120-470 Granville St
Vancouver, BC V6C 1V5
Phone: 604-688-7944
Fax: 604-688-7990
Email: makewish@ihermes.com
Website: www.maw.org

Contact: Deb Bennett

Charitable wish granting organization for life-threatened youngsters age 3-18 year olds. Services BC youngsters and their families since 1983. Accepts donations of air miles.

REGISTERED DISABILITY SAVINGS PLAN

The Registered Disability Savings Plan is a new plan that will allow funds to be invested tax-free until withdrawal. It is intended to help parents and others to save for the long-term financial security of a child with a disability. The plan structure is similar to a Registered Education Savings Plan.

Website: www.cra-arc.gc.ca

REPRESENTATIVE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH (Lower Mainland Office)

M12-4277 Kingsway
Burnaby, BC V5H 3Z2
Toll-Free: 1-800-476-3933
Phone: 604-775-3213
Fax: 604-775-3205

The Representative for Children and Youth supports children, youth and families who need help in dealing with the child welfare system, and advocates for changes to the system itself.

SET BC (Special Education Technology)

105-1750 West 75th Avenue
Vancouver, BC V6P 6G2
Phone: 604-261-9450
Fax: 604-261-2256

www.setbc.org

Assists students whose access to the curriculum is restricted primarily due to a physical disability, visual impairment, or autism by lending assistive technologies (reading, writing, & communication tools) where required to ensure students' access to educational programs.

VARIETY CLUB

Contact: Patsy Craig @ 604-320-0505

www.variety.bc.ca

Provide grants to individuals & an emergency response fund.

WESTERN SOCIETY FOR CHILDREN WITH BIRTH DISORDERS

439 East Columbia St
New Westminster, BC V3L 3X4
Phone: 604-515-0810
Fax: 604-515-0870

Dedicated to improving the quality of life for children born with disorders. Provides 1:1 contact over the phone or in the office. Services include: providing information about disorders and medical resources, a resource library, assisting parents to connect with other parents or resources, helping fund special equipment, workshops designed to meet the needs of families and providing support to help the parent teach the child at home. Promotes early intervention, assists the family to advocate for their children, and campaigns for the awareness of birth disorders, including those which are preventable. Provides opportunities for volunteers of all abilities.



HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

BC ASSOCIATION OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS & AUDIOLOGISTS (BCASLPA)

402-1755 West Broadway
Vancouver, BC V6J 4S5
Phone: 604-420-2222, Toll free: 1-877-222-7572
Fax: 604-736-5606
www.bcaslpa.bc.ca

BC ABORIGINAL NETWORK ON DISABILITY SOCIETY

Phone (toll-free): 1-888-815-5511, Website: www.bcands.bc.ca/index.html
BCANDS provides a variety of support services and resources to help B.C.'s Aboriginal People with disabilities. They operate a Health Resource Centre whose mandate is to enhance the delivery of health promotion and disability information to aboriginal communities.

BC CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

4480 Oak Street
Vancouver, BC V6H 3V4
Phone: 604-875-2000, Toll-free: 1-888-300-3088 (within BC)
Fax: 604-875-2292
www.cw.bc.ca

CHOICE IN SUPPORTS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (CSIL)

www.health.gov.bc.ca/hcc/csil.html
CSIL is an alternative for eligible home support clients. CSIL was developed to give British Columbians with daily personal care needs more flexibility in managing their home support services.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRES (VANCOUVER)

Central Office: 200-520 West 6th Avenue, Phone: 604-736-2033
Downtown CHC: 569 Powell St, Phone: 604-255-3151
Evergreen CHC: 3425 Crowley Dr, Phone: 604-872-2511
Three Bridges CHC: 200-1292 Hornby Street, Phone: 604 736-9844
North CHC: 1651 Commercial Drive, Phone: 604-253-3575
Pacific Spirit: 2110 West 43rd Ave, Phone: 604-261-6366
Pender CHC: 59 West Pender St, Phone: 604-669-9181
Pine CHC: 1985 West 4th Ave, Phone: 604-736-2391
Raven Song CHC: 2450 Ontario Street, Phone: 604-709-6540, 604-709-6400
Sheway CHC: 533 East Hastings St, Phone: 604-216-1699
South CHC: 6450 Knight Street, Phone: 604-321-6151

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (DDMHS)

L48-4946 Canada Way
Burnaby, BC V5G 4H7
Phone: 604-918-7540
Fax: 604-9187550

Provides services for people with both mental illness and mental disabilities. Services include assessment and diagnosis, psychiatric treatment, counselling, music or art therapy, therapies to deal with behavioural disorders. Vancouver Coastal/Burnaby (also serving Richmond).

HEALTH SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY LIVING (HSCL)

200-1651 Commercial Drive
Vancouver, BC V5L 3Y3
Phone: 604-253-3575 local 2247

HSCL works with adults with developmental disabilities, facilitating access to a range of community health services, including physiotherapy, occupational therapy, nursing, nutrition and dental hygiene.

HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE (MINISTRY OF HEALTH)

Website: www.health.gov.bc.ca/hcc/index.html

In-home services include home care nursing, rehabilitation, home support, and palliative care. Community-based services include adult day programs, meal programs, assisted living, residential care services and hospice care. Individuals must be 19 years of age or older, enrolled with B.C. Medical Services Plan, and be unable to function independently because of chronic health-related problems.

LIVING THROUGH LOSS COUNSELING SOCIETY OF BC

201-1847 West Broadway
Vancouver, BC
Phone: 604-873-5013
Fax: 604-873-5002

The Living Through Loss Counseling (LTLC) Society is a non-profit society that provides grief counselling to people who have experienced a traumatic loss such as the death of a loved one, breakup of a relationship, loss of health, accidents, etc. Counseling is offered individually or in groups. LTLC also offers individually designed workshops or information sessions on grief/loss and life changes and the stress that results from these events. Fees are charged, however, in some cases the Ministry for Children & Family Development will contract the society to provide needed counselling to someone with a disability.

MEDICAL SERVICES PLAN OF B.C.

Phone: 604-683-7151, 1-800-663-7100
www.health.gov.bc.ca/msp

MSP Premium Assistance is available for low-income families on a pro-rated basis. Short-term temporary assistance is also available based on unexpected current financial hardship.

MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT (NURSING SUPPORT SERVICES)

www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/spec_needs/nursing.htm

Anyone can refer a child to Nursing Support Services. You can contact the program in your community through the local health unit in your regional health authority. The number can be found in the blue pages of your local telephone directory. For additional information you can also visit the above web site.

PERSONAL SUPPORT INFORMATION LINE

The province has introduced a toll-free Personal Supports Information Line as a single access point for information about government programs providing equipment and assistive aids. British Columbians can call 1-888-818-1211 to be connected to an operator.

PHARMACARE

Phone: 604-683-7151, 1-800-663-7100

www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharme

PharmaCare subsidizes eligible prescription drugs and designated medical supplies and provides financial assistance to British Columbians under Fair PharmaCare and other speciality plans.

SUNNY HILL HEALTH CENTRE for Children

3644 Slocan Street
Vancouver, BC V5M 3E8
Phone: 604-453-8300
Fax: 604-453-8301

A Tertiary Care, teaching, & research facility. Service children 0-19 with complex disabilities including FAS, PDD, ASD, NAS, etc..

TEEN SCENE-GF Strong Rehab Centre

4255 Laurel Street
Vancouver, BC V5Z 2G9
Phone: 604-734-1313 local 6225
Fax: 604-737-6359

A monthly youth group for teens aged 13-19 yrs old who have a **physical** disability.

VANCOUVER PAEDIATRIC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS (VPOT)

1384 Connaught Drive
Vancouver, BC V6H 2H3
Phone: 604 732-3131
Fax: 604 733-2354
Email: vpot@telus.net

Offers a full range of assessments and consultative services to families. Their occupational therapists are Sensory Integration specialists.

VANCOUVER REGIONAL PEDIATRIC TEAM

2110 West 43rd Avenue
Vancouver, BC V6M 2E1
Phone: 604 276-2606
Fax: 604 261-7220
Email: <http://vch.eduhealth.ca> or pchem@vch.ca

Supports children and families who are seen by a member of the Vancouver Regional Pediatric Team. This support includes: family support; counseling and help to connect with programs in the community.

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**THERAPY**

**ALAN CASHMORE CENTRE-Vancouver Community Mental Health Services**

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor-2805 Kingsway  
Vancouver, BC V5R 5H9  
Phone: 604-454-1676  
Fax: 604-454-0959

Early childhood mental health team offers treatment services to children from birth to 5 years and their families.

**ART THERAPY**

Art Therapy combines visual art and psychotherapy in a creative process using the created image as a foundation for self-exploration and understanding. Through the use of art therapy, feelings and inner conflicts can be projected into visual form thereby assisting individuals to approach difficult issues and convey a message much clearer and safer than with words. Art Therapy can be contracted privately. For more information contact: BC Art Therapy Association, 101-1001 West Broadway, Dept. 123, Vancouver, 604-878-6393

**MUSIC THERAPY**

Music therapy is an established health profession similar to occupational therapy and physical therapy. It consists of using music therapeutically to address physical, psychological, cognitive, behavioural and/or social functioning. Because music therapy is a powerful and non-threatening medium, unique outcomes are possible. For more information contact the BC Music Therapy Association at 604-924-0046.

**SPEECH LANGUAGE THERAPY**

Speech and Language Therapists are trained to teach people the necessary skills to communicate. They are interested in the person's ability to understand language, ability to articulate words and their hearing among others. Alternative forms of communication may also be explored if no speech is possible for example sign language, pictures and symbols, or other mechanical devices. Speech language therapy is difficult to access for adults with a developmental disability. To retrieve a list of private Speech Language Therapists you can contact:  
The BC Association of Speech and Language Pathologists  
9912 Lougheed Highway  
Burnaby, BC V3J 1N3  
604-420-2222  
[www.bcaslpa.bc.ca](http://www.bcaslpa.bc.ca) look at the Private Roster List

# HOUSING

## **BC HOUSING**

Tel: (604) 433-1711

Website: [www.bchousing.org](http://www.bchousing.org)

A provincial crown agency that develops, manages and administers a wide range of subsidized housing options across the province.

## **CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION**

Phone: 604-731-5733

TTY: 1-800-309-3388

Website: [www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/index.html](http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/index.html)

The Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) for persons with disabilities offers financial assistance to homeowners and landlords to modify dwellings intended for occupancy by persons with disabilities and on a low-income.

## **FAMILY INDEPENDENCE FUND**

The Family Independence Fund helps families throughout the province who have children or adults with developmental disabilities living at home.

[www.givinginaction.ca](http://www.givinginaction.ca)

## **HOME OWNERS GRANT**

The Home Owners Grant, a subsidy for property tax, is available to eligible home owners. There is an additional grant for seniors, people with a disability or families who have a person with a disability living with them. For additional information or an application form contact the tax department at your local Municipal City hall.

## **RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RRAP)**

The Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program for Persons with Disabilities offers financial assistance to allow homeowners and landlords to improve their dwellings so that they are more accessible to persons with disabilities. For homeowners, depending on your income, all or a portion of the loan is forgivable. For landlords the full amount of the loan is forgivable. For more information, you can contact your nearest Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation at 604-713-5733. Ask to have a brochure sent to you about the program.

## **TENANCY RIGHTS**

Phone: 604-255-0546, 1-800-665-1185

Website: [www.tenants.bc.ca](http://www.tenants.bc.ca)

Vancouver-based non-profit organization working to promote tenants' rights and affordable housing in BC.

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LEGAL

COMMUNITY LEGAL ASSISTANCE SOCIETY

300-1140 West Pender Street

Vancouver, BC V6E 4G1

Phone: 604-685-3425, 1-888-685-6222

Website: www.clasbc.net

Provides free legal advice and representation on issues affecting people with disabilities.

LEGALPIX

Website: www.kindale.net/legal.html

NIDUS PERSONAL PLANNING RESOURCE CENTRE & REGISTRY (formerly Representation Agreement Resource Centre)

411 Dunsmuir Street
Vancouver, BC V6B 1X4
Phone: 604-408-7414
Fax: 604-801-5506
Website: www.nidus.ca

Nidus helps you learn about the law & Representation Agreements so that you can make legal plans that fit your situation. They do not give legal advice but provide information and facilitation. A Representation Agreement is a legal document that names your choice of representative for health and personal care matters if you cannot give consent. An Agreement can also include financial and legal matters.

PUBLIC GUARDIAN & TRUSTEE OF BC

604-660-4444
Website: www.trustee.bc.ca
Email: mail@trustee.bc.ca

Protects the legal rights and financial interests of children and vulnerable adults.

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**SERVICE PROVIDERS/COMMUNITY AGENCIES**

**BC PARAPLEGIC ASSOCIATION**

Website: [www.bcpara.org](http://www.bcpara.org)

**BERNARD VINGE & ASSOCIATES**

418-4538 Kingsway  
Burnaby, BC V5H 4T9  
Phone: 604-689-3855  
[www.vinge.bc.ca](http://www.vinge.bc.ca)

**BURNABY ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY INCLUSION (BACI)**

2702 Norland Avenue  
Burnaby, BC V5B 3A6  
Phone: 604-299-7851  
Fax: 604-299-5921  
[www.gobaci.com](http://www.gobaci.com)

The Burnaby Association for Community Inclusion (BACI) has dedicated over 50 years to supporting children, youth and adults with developmental disabilities in becoming fully participating members of the Burnaby community, and in pursuing their interests and dreams. BACI provides a broad range of programs and services including infant development, child care, adult day programs, supported residential facilities, skills development and advocacy to over 600 individuals with disabilities and their families.

[www.untape.com](http://www.untape.com)

Website to help parents cut through red tape while getting help for their children with disabilities.

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BACI provides a broad range of programs and services including infant development, child care, adult day programs, supported residential facilities, skills development and advocacy to over 600 individuals with disabilities and their families.

**COMCARE LTD.**

320-601 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
New Westminster, BC V3L 3C1  
Phone: 604-520-3813, 1-877-520-3813  
Fax: 604-520-3947  
[newwestminster.comcarehealthnetwork.ca](http://newwestminster.comcarehealthnetwork.ca)  
Homemakers

**COMMUNITY LIVING SOCIETY**

#300-5945 Kathleen Avenue  
Burnaby, BC V5H 4J7  
Phone: 604-451-8699  
Fax: 604-451-5708  
[www.cls-bc.org](http://www.cls-bc.org)  
Residential support homes.

**DEAFBLIND SERVICES SOCIETY OF BC**

[www.deafblindservices.com](http://www.deafblindservices.com)  
Phone: 604-277-9249  
Fax: 604-277-9251  
Residential support through Deafblind and Rubella (DBR) Housing Society.

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION**

[www.develop.bc.ca](http://www.develop.bc.ca)  
100-3851 Shell Road  
Richmond, BC V6X 2W2  
Phone: 604-273-9778  
Fax: 604-273-9770  
DDA has Resource Guides, Advocates, Support, Leisure, & afterschool programs. Day programs include Core, Fraser, Grandview, West 8<sup>th</sup>, Jobs West, Starworks, Main Street Drop-In, Holiday Options.

**DDA RESPITE**

2083 East 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Vancouver, BC  
Phone: 604-327-9111  
Fax: 604-327-9116

**DDA DAY PROGRAMS** include:

CORE, #102-2830 Grandview Highway, Phone: 604-321-4711, Fax: 604-321-4715  
FRASER, 4948 Fraser Street, Phone: 604-327-4373, Fax: 604-327-3845  
GRANDVIEW, #100-2830 Grandview Hwy, Phone: 604-253-8474, Fax: 604-253-8475  
WEST 8<sup>TH</sup>, 624 West 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, Phone: 604-871-9090, Fax: 604-253-8475  
JOBS WEST, #411-2150 West Broadway, Phone: 604-732-7776, Fax: 604-732-7841  
STARWORKS, 276 S.W. Marine Drive, Phone: 604-879-8457, Fax: 604-879-7441  
MAIN STREET DROP-IN, Phone: 604-322-0052  
HOLIDAY OPTIONS, Phone: 604-233-5438

**FAMILY SERVICES OF GREATER VANCOUVER (PRIYD Program – Providing Resources and Independence to Youth with Disabilities)**

202-1193 Kingsway  
Vancouver, BC V5V 3C9  
Phone: 604-874-2938  
Fax: 604-874-9898  
[www.fsgv.ca](http://www.fsgv.ca)  
Counselling, education, mediation, training for individuals, youth, families & couples

**GATEWAY SOCIETY (Services for Persons with Autism)**

4807 Georgia Street  
Delta, BC V4K 2T1  
Phone: 604-946-0104  
Fax: 604-946-8429  
[www.gatewaysociety.org](http://www.gatewaysociety.org)

**GREATER VANCOUVER COMMUNITY SERVICE SOCIETY**

500-1212 West Broadway  
Vancouver, BC V6H 3V2  
Phone: 604-737-4900  
Fax: 604-737-2922  
[www.gvcss.bc.ca](http://www.gvcss.bc.ca)

**JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE AGENCY**

305-1985 West Broadway  
Vancouver, BC V6J 4Y3  
Phone: (604) 257-5151  
Fax: (604) 257-5148  
[www.jfsa.ca](http://www.jfsa.ca)

Services in clued VIP Program (employment skill development, social enterprise projects), information & referral for cross-disability issues and support & education for children with special needs. Also organizes community events like Connections. Provides a support group called the bagel club.

**JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY**

763 Kingsway  
Vancouver, BC V5V 3C2  
Phone: 604-872-5651  
Fax: 604-872-8737  
[www.johnhoward.bc.ca](http://www.johnhoward.bc.ca)

Offer supportive living through Vancouver Apartments, Outreach Program, 1 to 1 life skills support.

**JOY LIVING SOCIETY**

c/o 3036 East Georgia Street  
Vancouver, BC V5K 2K7  
Phone: (604) 251-6403  
Fax: (604) 264-0083  
[www.joyfellowship.bc.ca](http://www.joyfellowship.bc.ca)

Through Joy Fellowship Christian Ministry. Provides home visits & links to other services.

**LAUREL PROGRAM (MAPCL)- Behavioural Support**

240-4664 Lougheed Hwy  
Burnaby, BC V5C 5T5  
Phone: 604-299-4001  
Fax: 604-299-0329  
[www.laurel.mapcl.org](http://www.laurel.mapcl.org)

**LITTLE MOUNTAIN NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE**

3981 Main Street  
Vancouver, BC V5V 3P3  
Phone: 604-879-7104  
Fax: 604-879-7113  
[www.lmnhs.bc.ca](http://www.lmnhs.bc.ca)

**MAINSTREAM ASSOCIATION FOR PROACTIVE COMMUNITY LIVING**

240-4664 Lougheed Hwy  
Burnaby, BC V5C 5T5  
604-299-4001  
Fax: 604-299-0329

[www.mapcl.org](http://www.mapcl.org)

Provide support through creating networks, providing secure & safe environments, & strengthening self-belief & autonomy in our communities. Residential services including apartment program, supported living, semi-independent, transitional homes, 24 hours supported homes, family care and respite. Also provide life skills, day support, work experience and employment.

GROUP LIFE SKILLS, 2008 Wall Street, Phone: 604-252-9516  
SOCIAL CLUB, 3973 Dumfries Street, Phone: 604-871-0525  
SUPPORT LIVING NETWORK, 251 East 11<sup>th</sup> Ave, Phone: 604-707-0124  
VANCOUVER LIFE SKILLS (ONE TO ONE), 251 East 11<sup>th</sup> Ave, Phone: 604-871-3932

**MAINSTREAM DAY PROGRAMS:**

ALTERNATIVES DAY PROGRAM, 2008 Wall Street, Phone: 604-322-0585  
ECO RANGERS, 1439 Kingsway, Phone: 604-708-3976  
P.A.C.T., 2977 Dumfries Street, Phone: 604-873-9004  
ROOTS, 251 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phone: 604-871-0525  
STAGE DOOR, 3102 Main Street, Phone: 604-872-1252

**MILIEU FAMILY SERVICES**

330-10524 King George Highway  
Surrey, BC V3T 2X2  
Phone: 604-582-1811  
Fax: 604-582-1884  
[www.milieu.ca](http://www.milieu.ca)  
Residential Services.

**MOUNT PLEASANT NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE**

800 East Broadway  
Vancouver, BC V5T 1Y1  
Phone: 604-879-8208  
Fax: 604-879-4136  
[www.anhgv.org](http://www.anhgv.org)  
Family Support Services, Teen Programs, etc.

**NORTH SHORE CONNEXIONS****SNOEZELEN MULTI-SENSORY ROOM**

1095 Churchill Crescent  
North Vancouver, BC V7P 1P9  
Phone: 604-904-0842  
Fax: 604-984-9882  
[northshoreconnexions@shaw.ca](mailto:northshoreconnexions@shaw.ca)

A community based Drop-in Centre that provides recreation, social & leisure options for people with developmental disabilities. The Schnoezelen Room offers sensory integration therapy for children & adults, on a drop-in basis & privately by appointment.

**PACIFIC COAST COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

1805 Scarborough Crescent  
Port Coquitlam, BC V3C 2K2  
Phone: 604-942-6939  
Fax: 604-935-6250

**SPECTRUM SOCIETY FOR COMMUNITY LIVING**

3231 Kingsway  
Vancouver, BC V5R 5K3  
Phone: 604-323-1433  
Fax: 604-321-4144

[www.spectrumsociety.org](http://www.spectrumsociety.org)

Provides residential, family care and day program.

**VANCOUVER RESOURCE SOCIETY**

310-2006 West 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Vancouver, BC V6J 2B3  
Phone: 604-731-1020, Day Program: 604-733-7499  
Fax: 604-731-4003

[www.vrs.org](http://www.vrs.org)

**W J STELMSCHUK & ASSOCIATES**

#510-22470 Dewdney Trunk Road  
Maple Ridge, BC  
Vancouver Regional Office: 604-321-4299  
Phone: 604-466-5668  
Fax: 604-466-5186

[www.wjsgroup.com](http://www.wjsgroup.com)



**AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS**

**DUNBAR STARS @ DUNBAR COMMUNITY CENTRE**

4747 Dunbar St  
Vancouver, BC V6S 2H2  
Phone: 604-222-6060

A combination of segregated and integrated program. Opportunities are provided to develop social skills, confidence and ability to interact in a group environment. Fridays from 5:00-9:00 pm.

**LEISURE CHALLENGE YOUTH PROGRAM (DDA)**

2083 East 37th Ave  
Vancouver, BC V5V 2T9  
Phone: 604-323-8370 / 604-233-5438  
Email: [leisureservices@develop.bc.ca](mailto:leisureservices@develop.bc.ca)

After-school recreational & life skills programming for youth ages 13 to 19 with developmental disabilities.

**SATURDAY UNLIMITED (SUMMER)**

Britannia Community Centre  
1661 Napier Street  
Vancouver, BC V5L 2M6  
Phone: 604-718-5800  
Fax: 604-718-5858

Adapted program offered for youth with various disabilities ages 13-18 years old.

**TLC YOUTH PROGRAM-Kitsilano Community Centre**

2690 Larch Street  
Vancouver, BC V6K 4K9  
Phone: 604-257-6903

After school program for Teens with disabilities.

**YOUTH IN ACTION-Trout Lake**

3550 Victoria Drive  
Vancouver, BC V5N 4M6  
Phone: 604-257-6955  
Program for teens with disabilities.

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SOCIAL/RECREATION

ACCESS 2 ENTERTAINMENT CARD

Website: www.abilities.ca/agc
Program was developed to provide discounted admission to support person accompanying person with a disability at member movie theatres across Canada.

ART COOP (ARTISTS HELPING ARTISTS)

250 Willingdon, Burnaby
Contact: Mo Francois 640-438-0973
51% of the members are people with special needs. Supported by Burnaby Association for Community Inclusion

BC DISABILITY SPORTS

Phone: 604-598-7890
Website: <http://www.disabilitysport.org/>
Ensures the offering of multi-sport events and support for people with disabilities, in partnerships with our members, BC communities and key stakeholders.

BC GAMES SOCIETY

Phone: 250-387-1375
Email: info@bcgames.org
Website: www.bcgames.org
Works with Host Communities for the BC Summer Games, BC Winter Games. Stages the Northern BC Winter Games, the BC Seniors Games and the BC Disability Games.

BC MOBILITY OPPORTUNITIES

Tel: (604) 688-6464 Ext.126
Website: www.reachdisability.org/bcmos/
Provides opportunities for people with significant disabilities to participate in challenging wilderness recreation activities.

BC PARKS DISABLED ACCESS PASS

Website: www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/fees/fees.html#disabilities
Provides persons with disabilities the opportunity to camp for free in road accessible provincial park campgrounds.

BC WHEELCHAIR SPORTS

Phone: 604-737-3090
Website: www.bcwheelchairsports.com/
Provides opportunities for athletes with physical disabilities.

BIG BROTHERS

102 - 1193 Kingsway, Vancouver, BC V5V 3C9
Phone: 604-876-2447
Fax: 604-876-2446
Website: www.bigbrothersvancouver.com

BIG SISTERS

34 East 12th Avenue
Vancouver, BC V5T 2G5
Phone: 604-873-4525
Fax: 604-873-2122
Website: www.bigsisters.bc.ca

CADETS CANADA

2472 – 15th FD. REGT. CADET CORPS
Bessborough Armouries
2025 West 11th Avenue
Vancouver, BC
Phone: 604-666-4000
Website: www.armycadetleague.ca

The Army Cadet League of Canada is a civilian non-profit organization working in partnership with the Canadian Forces to support the Royal Canadian Army Cadet program in promoting and fostering leadership, citizenship, self-reliance, physical fitness, and respect for others in Canadian youth.

DDA 57th and MAIN STREET PROGRAM

Phone: 604-322-0052

Call and ask to speak to Martin to be interviewed for the program. Must be self-sufficient. Activities happen Monday to Saturday, calendar is mailed out, cost varies depending on activity.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION (WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE)

Adult program that offers a variety of social events such as arts & crafts, cooking, movie nights, square dancing, bingo and much more. These Wednesday evenings take place at Sunset Community Centre from 7:30 to 9:30 pm and run for about 9 or 10 week sessions. Cost is \$45.00 per person plus \$4.00 for Sunset Community Centre membership. For more information:

404 East 51st Ave
Vancouver, BC
Phone: 604-718-6505

DEVELOPMENTALLY CHALLENGED YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (DCYBA)

Phone: 604-228-9527

playball@dcyba.org

Tuesday, 7 to 9 pm held @ Marpole Community Centre, 990 West 59th Ave

For 13 to 25 year olds. Run by coaches, volunteers and youth workers. Come on Tuesday evening and introduce yourself to Ann, the leader. Minimal cost \$1.00 per session.

DISABLED SAILING ASSOCIATION

Phone: 604-688-6464

Website: www.reachdisability.org/dsa/

Provides people with significant disabilities leisure and competitive sailing opportunities.

DISABLED SKIERS ASSOCIATION OF BC

Phone: 604-737-3038

Website: www.disabledskiingbc.com

Provides learn-to-ski programs for students of all ages with a variety of disabilities in Alpine, Nordic and Snowboarding disciplines.

DISNEYLAND GUIDEBOOK FOR GUESTS WITH DISABILITIES

There is a guidebook that provides an overview of services and facilities available for guests with disabilities who are visiting Disneyland Park. A copy can be found and downloaded at <http://disneyland.disney.go.com>. Tip: Although it may not suggest this in the Guidebook, you can apply for a "Special Assistance Pass" at City Hall at the Disneyland Park to allow the party (including one person with a disability) to access attractions via the exit. Many of these parks have a similar policy and try to accommodate people with disabilities as much as possible.

FREE ADMISSION TO SUPPORT PERSON

Metropolis Famous Players in Burnaby offers free admission to people who use wheelchairs. IMAX offers special discounts to attendants who are supporting a person with special needs. Attendants supporting people with disabilities may attend free at many community events and activities. Watermania, H.R. MacMillan Space Centre, Science World, Splashdown Park, Vancouver Aquarium and Marine Science Centre, Vancouver Maritime Museum, Vancouver Museum, all offer reduced rates to attendants who accompany a person with a disability. Contact each of the places to inquire about their specific rates. Sometimes a Leisure Card is requested to be shown in order to get a reduced rate, call ahead to find out more information.

MAPCL COMMUNITY KITCHEN

3875 Dumfries Street

Contact: Sherry Crane 604-873-6634; 604-984-2053

Monday 4:30-7:30 pm

\$3.00/meal at program and additional \$3/meal, up to 2 meals (\$6)

Be prepared to help with food prep and kitchen clean-up, duties rotate weekly. Call noon of the day if you plan to attend. If new to the program, call Sherry at 604-873-6651.

MAPCL WEDNESDAY SUPPER CLUB

3875 Dumfries Street

Wednesday 4/4:30-7:30 pm

\$3 meal plus cost for activity afterwards

Contact Sherry Crane 604-873-6634; 604-984-2053

Planning to attend and did not attend the week prior important to call in case location has been changed. Monthly activity schedule available.

MAPCL SOCIAL CLUB

2008 Wall Street

Contact: Brie Marshall-Sehra or Lori Bishop 604-871-0501

Thursday evenings, 4-8 pm, self-sufficient

No set schedule, participants generally decide the week prior as to what next week's events will be. Participants bring money for the event. Monthly calendar available.

MAPCL VALENTINE AND HALLOWEEN HERITAGE HALL DANCE (STAGE DOOR)

3102 Main Street

Phone: 604-872-1252

Call for more information.

OPERATION TRACKSHOES

Phone: 250-721-2233

Website: www.trackshoes.ca

An annual sports festival for the citizens of BC who have mental disabilities.

PACIFIC RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

www.prda.ca

PARKS AND RECREATION & LEISURE ACCESS CARD APPLICATION

www.vancouver.ca/services.htm#sports

POTTERY (KENSINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE)

5175 Dumfries Street

Phone: 604-718-6200

Pottery Club – Mary Dunai (604-589-9124) Call Mary to become a member.

Membership costs is \$25 plus \$17.50 per month.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

210-3701 East Hastings
Burnaby, BC V5C 2H6
Phone: 604-737-3078, 1-888-854-2276
Fax: 604-737-3080
www.bcsso.bc.ca

Individuals with disabilities enrich their lives through positive sport experiences

SPORTABILITY

Phone: 604-599-5240
Website: www.cpsports.com

SportAbility is committed to providing recreation and sport opportunities for athletes with disabilities.

THEATRE TERRIFIC

www.theatreterrific.ca

Mission: To provide opportunities to transform lives through the power of theatre. Vision a world where the artistic voice of disabled artists is seen, heard, challenged and respected.

VANCOUVER ADAPTED MUSIC SOCIETY

Phone: 604-688-6464
Website: www.disabilityfoundation.org

Facilitate the rehabilitation of people with significant disabilities through involvement in musical activities.

YMCA

200-1166 Alberni Street
Vancouver, BC V6E 3Z3
Tel: (604) 681-YMCA (9622)
Fax: (604) 688-0220
Website: www.vanymca.org

Summer Camps for Children with ADHD, Autism, Learning & Physical Disabilities.



TRANSPORTATION

AIR TRAVEL

Most airlines allow attendants to travel for half price fare when escorting a passenger with a disability who has a doctor’s certificate. For additional information, contact the individual airlines regarding their policy.

ANNUAL BUS PASS

Adults receiving enhanced Disability Benefits are entitled to an Annual Bus Pass for \$45.00. The pass allows unlimited free travel on buses, Sky Train and Sea Bus in the Greater Vancouver Transit District and in cities across BC. To apply, call 1-866-866-0800. Have your Social Insurance Number available and an application will be forwarded to you.

BC FERRIES

Phone: (toll free) 1-888-223-3779. Website: www.bcferrries.com
BC Ferries Disability Status ID card ensures that a person with a disability and their required escort receive a reduced rate on the ferry.

BC PARKS ACCESS CARD

BC Parks provides an opportunity for individuals with a disability and their camping party (maximum of four people) to camp free in BC Parks & Recreational Areas. For an application form contact BC Parks @ 250-387-5002.

DISABLED PARKING PLACARD

To receive an application for a Disabled Parking Placard (“Handicap Parking Pass”) that allows you to park in assigned spaces contact Social Planning & Research Council of BC (SPARC) at 604-718-7744 and they will forward an application which must be filled out by a Physician. When the completed application is mailed back, it may take 3-4 weeks to process. If returned personally, it will be processed immediately. The cost of this placard is \$15.00.

106A-2182 West 12th Ave
Vancouver, BC V6K 2N4

GREYHOUND BUS

Phone (toll free): 1-800-752-4841

Website: www.greyhound.ca/en/travel_information/special_needs.shtml

Works directly with customers with a disability to provide accessibility and accommodate their disabilities.

HANDYCARD

HandyCard is a photo-identity card provided to person with special needs. The HandyCard holder is entitled to concession fares on transit buses, SkyTrain, SeaBus, West Vancouver Transit and West Coast Express. An attendant travelling with a HandyCard holder may travel free. The HandyCard is also valid identification for the TaxiSaver Program. Eligibility is defined as a permanent physical or cognitive disability that is sufficiently severe that they are unable, without assistance, to use conventional transit. The application must be a resident within the GVTA Transportation Service Region.

HANDYDART

Pacific Transit Cooperative
300-3200 East 54th Ave (Champlain Mall)
Vancouver, BC V5S 3T8

Phone: Bookings: 604-430-2692, Information: 604-430-2742, HandyLINE: 604-433-5995,
Cancellation/Dispatch: 604-430-2892

Website: www.translink.bc.ca/Transportation_Services/Accessibilityhandydart.asp

Transportation for anyone unable to use regular public transit. A HandyCard entitles you to Concession fares on the Bus, SkyTrain, SeaBus, West Vancouver Transit and West Coast Express. An attendant who accompanies and assists a HandyCard holder is eligible to travel free.

PARKING PERMIT PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Phone: 604-718-7744

Website: www.sparc.bc.ca/parking_permit

SPARC BC issues and administers parking permits for people with disabilities in many municipalities across British Columbia.

TAXISAVER PROGRAM (Translink)

TaxiSavers are coupons that eligible individuals may purchase and use for reduced taxi fare. This program is available to individuals who are registered with or eligible for HandyDart, and who have a HandyCard. The individual may purchase a booklet for \$20.00 that contains \$40.00 worth of taxi fare tickets. They can then phone the taxi of their choice for service without having to pre-book rides. A person with a HandyCard may purchase up to two booklets of TaxiSavers at a time from their local HandyDart operator. For more information you can call the Pacific Transit Cooperative Information line at 604-430-2742.

VAN RENTALS

The Canadian Paraplegic Association rents lift equipped vans for \$35.00 to \$50.00 per day. These are for only as far as Hope. For more information contact the Canadian Paraplegic Association @ 604-324-3611.