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<p>AT-BC (Assistive Technology BC)</p> <p>Contact: Bruce Mesman, Technology Consultant Tel: (604) 269-2228 Email: bmesman@at-bc.ca</p> <p>General Enquiries: Tel: (604) 264-8295 Fax: (604) 263-2267 Email: info@at-bc.ca Website: www.at-bc.ca</p>		<p>Assistive Technology BC (ATBC) provides assistive technology resources to make learning and working environments usable for people with disabilities throughout British Columbia.</p> <p>In collaboration with persons with disabilities, post-secondary institutions, employers, community organizations, and our funding partners, ATBC offers a wide range of coordinated technology services including assessments, assistive equipment, training, and consultation to enable persons with disabilities to achieve their educational and employment goals.</p>			
<p>Autism Community Training (ACT)</p> <p>Contact: Deborah Pugh, Executive Director Tel: (604) 205-5467 Fax: (604) 205-5345</p> <p>Email: info@actcommunity.ca Address: 2250 Boundary Rd, Burnaby, BC V5M 3Z3 Website: www.actcommunity.ca</p>	<p>Family Support Organization</p>	<p>ACT - Autism Community Training provides information and training that supports individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families, and the community professionals who support them.</p> <p>We have extensive free resources online: www.actcommunity.ca/information/transition-adult/</p> <p>For information resources on adults and employment (sourced internationally), often relevant across special needs, go to the <i>Autism Information Database</i>.</p> <p>For free, professionally videos available online see: www.actcommunity.ca/education/videos/</p>			

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<p>Autism Information Service BC</p> <p>Contact: Lindy Chau (Mon,Tues and Wed) Email: lchau@autismbc.ca</p> <p>Contact: Stella Hui (Thu, Fri and alternate Wed) Email: shui@autismbc.ca</p> <p>Toll Free: 1-888-437-0880 Tel: (604) 434-0880 Fax: (604) 434-0801 Email: info@autismbc.ca Address: 3688 Cessna Dr, Richmond BC V6B 1C7 Website: www.autismbc.ca</p>	<p>Family Support Organization</p>	<p>The Autism BC is a non-profit society of parents, professionals and other interested people working together to promote full community membership for children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder.</p> <p>Services include: support, information and referral, lending library education and training (e.g. BI workshop, awareness training) , community support groups, launch into life program, social events, newsletter, tickets giveaway and volunteer opportunities.</p>	<p>Free membership</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>BACI's Employment services & Training (BEST)</p> <p>Contact: Raman Manhas, Manager Tel: (604) 299-5100 Email: raman.manhas@gobaci.com</p> <p>Website: www.bestemployment.ca http://gobaci.com</p>		<p>BACI's Employment Services & Training is a service that focuses on empowering adults with developmental disabilities to attain their employment goals.</p> <p>The employment specialists at BEST work closely with each candidate to discover their potential and connect them with employers.</p> <p>BEST emphasizes on meeting employers' business needs through positive and innovative employment solutions.</p>			

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<p>BC Benefits</p> <p>https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/about-the-bc-government/accessibility</p> <p>Make an appointment with the Income Support Program nearest your home.</p> <p>Look in the Blue Pages under Human Resources-Ministry Of-Income Support Programs.</p>	Sources of Funding	<p>BC Benefits ensures that adults with a mental or physical handicap receive money for rent, food, clothing and a spending allowance.</p> <p>In addition, benefits can provide medical insurance, dental and optical services, prescription drugs and medical equipment.</p> <p>Adults on BC Benefits are eligible for a yearly bus pass and may be able to receive help with camp fees, moving expenses and emergency money.</p> <p>Individuals who qualify are adults 18 years of age or older, with a mental or physical impairment that: require a great deal of assistance or supervision to do daily tasks within a reasonable period of time; require extra and continuous costs for transportation; require special diets or other essential medical needs.</p>	Not applicable	<p>Adults are eligible for BC Benefits at age 18.</p> <p>Apply several months before turning 18.</p>	Adults who qualify receive benefits for life but are reviewed annually.
<p>BC Blind Sports and Recreation Association</p> <p>Toll Free: 1-877-604-8638 Tel: (604) 325-8638 Email: info@bcblindsports.bc.ca</p>		<p>http://www.bcblindsports.bc.ca Address: #170 - 5055 Joyce Street, Vancouver BC V5R 6B2</p>			
<p>BC Deaf Sports Federation (BCDSF)</p> <p>Tel/Fax: (604) 526-5010 Email: info@bcdeafsports.bc.ca</p>		<p>https://bcdeafsports.bc.ca Address: #4 - 320 Columbia St. New Westminster, BC V3L 1A6</p>			

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<p>BC Epilepsy Society</p> <p>Tel: (604) 875-6704 Email: info@bcepilepsy.com Address: #2500 - 900 W 8th Ave, Vancouver BC V5Z 1E5</p> <p>Website: www.bcepilepsy.com</p>	<p>Educational – “Partners in Teaching”</p>	<p>The Partners in Teaching program improves teachers’, caregivers’, and students’ ability to address both the immediate physical health concerns, as well as the long-term psychological and social needs of young people living with epilepsy. The presentations, available in a variety of formats, focus on facts and myths about epilepsy, how to recognize and respond to a seizure, and a discussion on the psychosocial implications of living with epilepsy. Each presentation includes free teachers’ kits for all participants and each school district receives at least one comprehensive library resource package available to all teachers and adult leaders in that district. The goal of the program is to improve the lives of children living with epilepsy, building a foundation of understanding and support from peers in the classroom, and improving the community’s ability to respond to the psychological and social needs of children living with epilepsy, so that the children are better able to maintain their self-confidence, self-esteem, and quality of life.</p>	<p>Free (all cost is borne by the BC Epilepsy Society)</p>	<p>Year-round</p>	<p>Approx.: ONE hour</p>
<p>BCIT Disability Resource Centre</p> <p>Contact: Cheryl Sokol, Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist, DRC Coordinator Tel: (604) 451-6705 Email: cheryl_sokol@bcit.ca</p> <p>General Inquiries: Tel: 604-451-6963 Fax: 604-432-8839 Website: https://www.bcit.ca/drc</p>	<p>Student Services</p>	<p>Provide resources, service, support, and assistance to students with disabilities in achieving their post-secondary education goals at British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT).</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	<p>Varies</p>	<p>Varies</p>

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<p><i>Burnaby Association For Community Inclusion</i></p> <p>Contact: Richard Faucher, Co-Executive Director Tel: (604) 299-7851 Email: richard.faucher@gobaci.com</p> <p>Contact: Heather Johnstone, Senior Manager, Collaboration and Service Design Tel: (604) 366-9434 Email: heather.johnstone@gobaci.com</p> <p>Website: http://gobaci.com</p>	Agency	<p>The Association offers a range of services for youth and adults including Day Programs, Employment Services, Community Connectors, Lifeskills, Outreach and many more.</p> <p>The Association's programs offer a commitment to support individuals to actively participate as valued members of the community.</p> <p>All Programs are personalized to take into account every individual's goals and abilities. The focus can be education, recreation or volunteer activities in the community.</p>	Varies	Varies	Varies
<p><i>Burnaby Caprice Synchronized Swim Club</i></p> <p>Contact: Claudia Hein, Tel: (778) 558-1562 Email: info@bcssc.org Website: http://bcssc.org</p>		<p>The Burnaby Caprice Synchronized Swimming Club offers recreational, competitive, adaptive and a master's programme.</p>			

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<p>Canadian Chinese Autism Association Of BC</p> <p>Contact: John Tsang, Vancouver Chinese Support Group Coordinator Tel: (604) 928-8289 Email: john_tsang2000@yahoo.ca</p>		<p>Website: http://autismcanada.org</p> <p>Volunteer support groups in Cantonese, Mandarin and English languages for families who have children with autism.</p>	Not applicable	<p>Drop in.</p> <p>Check calendar of events.</p> <p>Please contact John Tsang for meeting time & locations.</p>	1 hour & 45 minutes
<p>Canucks Autism Network (CAN)</p> <p>General Inquiries: info@canucksautism.ca</p> <p>Contact: Robbie Hsieh, Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator Email: robbie.hsieh@canucksautism.ca</p>	Recreation	<p>Opportunities for families to enjoy community outings, sports, recreational, social and vocational programs</p> <p>Website Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Become a member: https://www.canucksautism.ca/join-us/become-a-member • Youth Programs (Ages 13-17): https://www.canucksautism.ca/programs/youth • Young Adults (Ages 18+): https://www.canucksautism.ca/programs/young-adult 	\$25 family membership	Varies	Varies

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<p>Capilano University - Accessibility Services</p> <p>Reception and Inquiries: (604) 983-7526</p> <p>Contact: Cheryl Kramer, Advisor Tel: (604) 983-7504 Fax: (604) 990-7902 Email: ckramer@capilanou.ca</p>	University	<p>An advisor arranges support services to assist students with disabilities.</p> <p>Students contemplating entering Capilano University should contact Reception to book an intake appointment up to 4 months ahead to arrange supports.</p>	N/A	contact Reception to book an intake appointment up to 4 months ahead to arrange supports.	N/A
<p>Capilano University - Education And Employment Access</p> <p>Contact: Kathy Moscrip, Intake Coordinator for new students Tel: (604) 984-1711 Fax: (604)984-1718 Email: kmoscrip@capilanou.ca Address: 2055 Purcell Way, North Vancouver, BC V7J 3H5</p> <p>General Inquiry: School of ACCESS Email: awe@capilanou.ca Website: https://www.capilanou.ca</p>	University	<p>The Education and Employment Access program is designed to support young adults, no longer in high school, who may have barriers to success in education and employment. These barriers may include mental health issues such as anxiety or depression and/or learning difficulties . Our courses focus on developing the skills and strategies necessary to be an independent learner in a university or employment setting. Through assessment, classroom work and individualized support students will explore career and education options, set goals and create a specific plan to achieve them. Classes emphasize skills such as practical communication, resume writing, interviewing skills and student success strategies. The second term includes a practicum in a sector of the student’s choice.</p> <p>Requirements for acceptance in the program are reading and writing comprehension at a grade 4/5 level, independent self-management skills and motivation to achieve goals. Students with either the Dogwood or Evergreen certificate are encouraged to apply. High school transcripts are not required.</p>	Partial tuition applies	Full time – September to April	8 months

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<p>Career & Employment Counsellors (CNIB)</p> <p>Toll Free: 1-800-563-2642 Reception: (604) 431-2121 (Career Dept.)</p> <p>Contact: Henry Stuiwe, Career Counsellor, EPPD Service Provider Tel: (604) 431-2104 Fax: (604) 431-2199 Email: henry.stuiwe@cnib.ca</p> <p>Address: 5055 Joyce St, Vancouver BC V5R 6B2</p>	<p>Career & Employment Support</p>	<p>Offers career counselling, referral to training and job search techniques for persons who are visually impaired, blind, or deaf and blind.</p> <p>In addition, provides adaptive technology assessments for individuals in order to determine appropriate technical aids for post-secondary schooling or employment.</p> <p>Serves unemployed Canadians, ages 16-64.</p> <p>Career & Employment Counsellors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • currently two Counsellors (1-HRDC, 1 EPPD), • and one Employment Placement Specialist 			
<p>CAYA Communication Assistance For Young Adults</p> <p>Contact: Lois Turner, Client Services manager Tel: (604) 326-3503 Email: lturner@cayabc.org</p> <p>General: (604) 326-3509 Email: support@cayabc.org Website: www.cayabc.org</p>		<p>CAYA provides service to all eligible adults aged 19 years and older who require an augmentative/ alternative communication (AAC) system due to a severe communication disability, i.e. speech that is not functional for daily communication.</p> <p>The goal of CAYA is to ensure that eligible individuals have access to the communication tools and professional support to enable them to create an adult life to the best of their abilities.</p>			

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<p><i>CBI Consultants</i></p> <p>Contact: Chad Bouchard, Self-Determination and mployment Coordinator Tel: (604) 484-8900 Email: chad@cbiconsultants.com</p> <p>Website: http://www.cbiconsultants.com</p>	<p>Self-Determination and Customized Employment Supports</p>	<p>Creative Inclusive Supports for Families, Children, Adolescents, and Adults.Help support participants to develop Self-Determination skills and to use these skills for Customized Employment positions.</p>		<p>Anytime</p>	
<p><i>Centre For Ability - Opportunities Fund</i></p> <p>Contact: Roxana Tatomir Tel: (604) 630-3033 Fax: (604) 630-3041 Email: roxana.tatomir@bc-cfa.org</p> <p>Contact:: Rod Embree Tel: (604) 630-3037 Email: rod.embree@bc-cfa.org</p> <p>Contact: Sandy Liles Tel: (604) 630-3038 Email: sandy.liles@vc-cfa.org</p> <p>immediate assistance: Ada Ng (604) 451-5511 www.centreforability.bc.ca</p>	<p>Employment Support</p>	<p>The Centre for Ability offers a wide range of vocational and support services, including: financial sponsorship for vocational training that leads to employment, support with job search skills, employment-seeking assistance and on-the-job support.</p> <p><i>Contact the office for more information on programs.</i></p> <p>The Opportunities Fund Program (OPPS Fund) assists persons with disabilities to prepare for employment or self-employment and to develop the skills necessary to maintain new employment. The Opportunities Fund can provide funding for up to six months of vocational training, including tuition, travel costs and books or supplies. A wage subsidy may also be provided to qualifying employers to hire a person with a disability.</p> <p>We are unable to accept direct referrals from families, physicians or parents, we will answer the inquiries, provide information and guide to the clients in the right direction.</p>	<p>Funded by Service Canada</p> <p>Our clients' applications for funding are being sent by case managers with Work BC or other organizations who work with people with disabilities.</p>	<p>Continuous intake</p>	<p>maximum of 6 months</p>

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<p><i>Cerebral Palsy Association Of BC</i></p> <p>Contact: Carrie Torrans Connector, Life Without Limits Youth Navigator Tel: (604) 408-9784 Fax: (604) 408-9489 Email:supportworker@bccerebralpalsy.com</p> <p>Toll Free: 1-800-663-0004</p> <p>www.bccerebralpalsy.com</p> <p>Address: #330 - 409 Granville St. Vancouver BC V6C 1T2</p>	<p>Family Support/ Advocacy Organizations</p>	<p>The Cerebral Palsy Association of BC: provides advocacy and information to adults and children with cerebral palsy and their families; educates the general public about the causes, treatment and prevention of cerebral palsy; maintains a library, provides a free parent information kit and an adult resource directory for adults with this disability; provides quarterly newsletter and frequent mail outs; holds monthly Family Support and Information Group.</p> <p>We also have recreational programs such as yoga, dance, and art. The Youth without Limits Support Group is a group for youth and young adults to talk about disability related topics such as sexuality and mental health. We also have a Support Group that meets once a week to discuss various topics.</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p>Start times are ongoing and varying</p>	<p>Varies</p>
<p><i>City Of Vancouver - Equal Employment Opportunity Program</i></p> <p>Contact: Rajpal Kohli, Advisor Tel: (604) 873-7709 Email: rajpal.kohli@vancouver.ca</p>		<p>https://vancouver.ca/your-government/work-for-the-city-of-vancouver.aspx</p>			

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<p><i>Coast Mental Health – Culinary Skills training Program</i></p> <p>Contact: Glen Lamont, Program Coordinator Tel: 604-512-0628</p>		<p>This innovative culinary program offers young people with barriers to employment culinary skills training, life-coaching and paid work experience to help them reach their potential.</p> <p>Website: https://www.coastmentalhealth.com/culinary-training-program</p>			
<p><i>Community Living BC (CLBC)</i></p> <p>Contact: Susan Fasse, CLBC Facilitator Tel: 604-660-3323 Fax: 604-660-3325 Email: susan.fasse@gov.bc.ca</p> <p>General Inquiry: 604-664-0101 Email: info@communityliving.ca Website: www.communitylivingbc.ca</p>	<p>Services to Adults with developmental disabilities and their families in BC.</p>	<p>Community Living BC (CLBC) is a provincial crown agency, mandated under the Community Living Authority Act, that funds supports and services through service agencies for adults with developmental disabilities and their families in British Columbia.</p> <p>CLBC is working to create communities where people with developmental disabilities have more choices about how they live, work and contribute.</p>	<p>Varies</p>	<p>Varies</p>	<p>Varies</p>
<p><i>Community Living Society (CLS)</i></p> <p>Contact: Roxanne Wiseman Director of Quality & Innovation Tel: (604) 517-2032 Email: rwiseman@communitylivingsociety.ca</p>	<p>Community Inclusion Services, Vocational / Employment Services, Residential Services, Supported Living Services, Home Sharing Services</p>	<p>The CLS support team acts as a bridge for people with disability to make new friends, learn the skills needed to get meaningful work, live more independently and achieve personal goals.</p> <p>Website: http://www.communitylivingsociety.ca</p>	<p>Funded through either CLBC (Community Living British Columbia) or Fraser Health ABI (Acquired Brain Injury) program</p>		

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<p><i>Developmental Disabilities Association (DDA)</i> <i>- Family Support & Advocacy Program</i></p> <p>General Inquiries: Tel: (604) 273-9778 Fax: (604) 273-9770 Website: www.develop.bc.ca</p> <p>Contact: Terry Schenkel, Assistant Director, Family Support Services Tel: (604)233-5433 Email: tschenkel@develop.bc.ca</p>	<p>Other programs & services</p>	<p>The Developmental Disabilities Association is a community living agency that provides over 50 community-based programs and services to children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families in Vancouver and Richmond. We create extended networks of support, invest in individual needs, and strive for an inclusive and safe community. Over 1,600 individuals and families in the Vancouver and Richmond area are serviced by the Developmental Disabilities Association every year.</p> <p>Youth in Transition: Mr. Pierre Tardif: Coordinator (604) 301-2816 by referral from MCFD social worker Community Inclusion Services</p> <p>Ms. Kirsti Inglis: Assistant Director (604) 273-9778 by referral from Community Living BC Jobs West Employment Services</p> <p>Ms. Delia Meinhardt: Manager (604) 732-7776 by referral from Community Living BC</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Referral by social worker, upon available opening</p>	<p>Continuous</p>
<p><i>Developmental Disabilities Association (DDA)</i> <i>- Job West</i></p> <p>Contact: Rochelle Rezansoff, Manager Tel: (604) 732-7776 Fax: (604) 732-7841 Email: rrezansoff@develop.bc.ca Website: www.jobwest.ca General Inquiries: Tel: (604) 273-9778 Fax: (604) 273-9770 Website: www.develop.bc.ca</p>	<p>Customized Employment</p>	<p>Locates and facilitates employment for adults with developmental disabilities and provides training and follow-up as required.</p> <p>Services include: career assessment; skills/interests evaluation; volunteer; work experience; paid employment, including on-site support.</p> <p>We are a subcontractor to multiple WorkBC Locations (Avia Employment Service – Richmond; YWCA-South, West, Downtown Career Zone).</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Referral through CLBC.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

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<p><i>Developmental Disabilities Association (DDA)</i> <i>- Leisure Services</i></p> <p>Child & Family Services Department</p> <p>Contact: Leisure Services, Manager Tel: (604) 323-8370 Email: jlanz@develop.bc.ca Website: www.develop.bc.ca</p> <p>General Association Inquiries: Tel: (604) 273-9778 Fax (604) 273-9770 Website: www.develop.bc.ca</p>	Social/ Recreation	<p>Offers inclusive out of school Recreation/Leisure opportunities for Youth & Adults with a Developmental Disability.</p> <p>Leisure Challenge – An after school program for youth ages 13-19 (ministry referral only)</p> <p>Holiday Options – Offers a wide range of vacation opportunities, includes staff support, available ONLY to those 19 years of age or older. Program runs June to August.</p> <p>For more information please email: holidayoptions@develop.bc.ca</p>	Costs vary	Varies by Program	Ongoing
<p><i>Developmental Disabilities Association (DDA)</i> <i>- Vocational Day Programs</i></p> <p>Contact: Kirsti Inglis, Assistant Director Tel: 604-273-9778 Fax: 604-273-9770 Email: kinglis@develop.bc.ca</p> <p>General Inquiries: Tel: 604-273-9778 Fax: 604-273-9770</p>	Day	<p>Offers a variety of day program options at 5 sites, including continuing education volunteer work, recreation and leisure activities, community access support and other opportunities to enhance social skills in community settings.</p> <p>Includes a Drop-In Centre for evenings/weekends.</p> <p>Website: www.develop.bc.ca Website: http://www.develop.bc.ca/programs/adult-services/#day-programs</p>	None Applicants or their families are encouraged to join the association.	Referral by CLBC upon available opening or fee for service.	Ongoing

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<p>Developmental Disabilities Mental Health Team (DDMHT) formerly known as the Island Mental Health Support Team (IMHST)</p> <p>Contact: Donnis VanLoo Tel: 778-918-7613 Fax: 604-918-7550 Email: theresa.grech@fraserhealth.ca</p> <p>Website: http://www.viha.ca/mhas/locations/victoria_gulf/community/imhst.htm</p>	<p>Funded program serving residents of Fraser Health.</p>	<p>Provide individualized assessment, treatment and education for adolescents and adults with developmental disabilities and complex mental health needs. Offers psychiatric and behavioural assessment, diagnosis, psychiatric treatment, clinical counselling, speech/language assessment, music or art therapy, therapies to deal with behavioural disorders.</p> <p>Delivers one-to-one support at home or in hospital for people in crisis, case management, educational, training, and consultative services, and work in collaboration with existing community resources and support networks.</p>			
<p>Diabetes Canada (Vancouver Coastal Regional office)</p> <p>Toll Free: 1-800-665-6526 Tel: 604-732-1331 Fax: 604-732-8444 Email: info@diabetes.ca Address: #360-1385 W 8th Ave, Vancouver, BC V6H 3V9</p> <p>Website: www.diabetes.ca</p>		<p>Join us! To end diabetes. There are many ways you can help end diabetes.</p> <p><u>Learn how now.</u></p> <p>Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at info @ diabetes.ca or 1-800-BANTING (1-800-226-8464).</p>			

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<p>Disability Alliance BC</p> <p>Tel: (604) 875-0188 Email: feedback@disabilityalliancebc.org Website: www.disabilityalliancebc.org</p> <p>Advocacy Access Program: Tel: 604-872-1278 1-800 663-1278</p> <p>Emergency Preparedness Program: Tel: 604-875-0188 Email: karen@disabilityalliancebc.org</p> <p>Tax AID DABC Access RDSP</p>	Support	<p>The Disability Alliance BC mission is to support people, with all disabilities, to live with dignity, independence and as equal and full participants in the community. We champion issues impacting the lives of people with disabilities through our direct services, community partnerships, advocacy, research and publications.</p> <p>Disability advocacy for individuals and groups programs and projects that respond to community need workshops and training that build community capacity original publications in plain language collaborating with a broad range of stakeholders. Provides training and emergency preparedness for people with disabilities audits to community organizations, local government and businesses. Provides income tax filing assistance to provincial disability assistance recipients. The particular focus of this program is for individuals who have not filed for multiple years. Assists people to apply for the Disability Tax Credit (DTC) and the Registered Disability Savings Plan.</p>	Not applicable	Ongoing	Ongoing
<p>Disability Foundation</p> <p>(Sailing, etc.)</p> <p>Contact: Eric Molendyk Tel: 604-688-6464 Ext. 117 Email: eric@disabilityfoundation.org</p>		<p>The Disabled Sailing Association of BC (DSA-BC) operates eight specially designed Martin 16 sailboats and hosts between 800 and 1,000 sailing experiences annually at Jericho and more from its affiliated branches.</p> <p>Disabled sailing now plays a major role in the Summer Paralympics every four years.</p> <p>Website: http://www.disabledsailingbc.org/about.shtml</p>	Varies	Varies	Varies

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<p><i>Disabled Skier's Association Of BC</i></p> <p>DBA BC Adaptive Snowsports</p> <p>Contact: Corinne Risler, Administrative and Finance Coordinator</p> <p>Tel: (604) 333-3630 Email: info@bcadaptive.com</p> <p>Website: http://www.bcadaptive.com</p>	Social/ Recreation	<p>Offers adaptive ski and snowboard programs and instruction to people with any disability. Equipment provided with lessons at a nominal cost.</p> <p>Also sponsors competitive skiing and other recreational activities for the disabled.</p> <p>Only volunteer positions.</p>	<p>Membership fee: \$48.00 volunteers \$53.00 participants</p> <p>Fees vary per program</p>	Skiing season	Varies, depending on program
<p><i>Douglas College - Basic Occupational Education</i> (100 & 200 Level)</p> <p>Contact: Wendy Parry, Faculty Tel: 604-527-5620 Fax: 604-527-5684 Email: parryw@douglascollege.ca</p>	College	<p>Basic Occupational Education (100 & 200 Level) electronics and general assembly, food services option, retail & business services option, light warehouse training: Designed for students with barriers to education or employment.</p> <p>This option teaches the skills necessary for entry level employment in the electronics industry and/or related mechanized and assembly industries.</p> <p>Website: https://www.douglascollege.ca/programs-courses/faculties/child-family-community-studies/vocational-education-and-skills-training/basic-occupational-education-program</p> <p><i>Funding may be available for Douglas College programs (except Consumer and Job Preparation Program). BC Benefits funding may permit an application fee waiver. Please enquire for details.</i></p>	Funding available for most students.	Continuous intake	Self-paced (average 10 months) Includes two work placements

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<p>Douglas College - Career And Employment Preparation For Adults With Disability</p> <p>Contact: Brittany Sully Tel: 604-527-5692 Fax: 604-527-5095 Email: bsully@douglascollege.ca Email: lowndesd@douglascollege.ca</p>	College	<p>This program has been specially designed to assist people with barriers to employment.</p> <p>We'll show you how to identify a realistic achievable employment goal and develop a plan which will help you to reach that goal. Students will use their skills and abilities to choose a career and help build their self-confidence to enter the work force or pursue further training. The program includes real-life, on-the job experience.</p> <p>Website: https://www.douglascollege.ca/programs-courses/faculties/child-family-community-studies/vocational-education-and-skills-training/career-and-employment-program</p> <p>Funding may be available for Douglas College programs (except Consumer and Job Preparation Program). BC Benefits funding may permit an application fee waiver. Please enquire for details.</p>	<p>Tuition Fees: \$1740.00 full semester fee plus a \$32.00 application fee</p> <p>ABESAP grant available for eligible students.</p>	<p>September and January</p> <p>Interview required for intake</p>	15 weeks
<p>Douglas College - Consumer And Job Preparation For Adults With Special Needs</p> <p>Contact: Linda Delparte, Instructor Tel: 604-527-5171 Fax: 604-527-5684</p>	College	<p>This program is designed for students with intellectual disabilities who want to learn the personal, social and work skills needed to get and keep a job and to use community services. Students assess their interests and skills in class and try three different jobs at month-long work placements.</p> <p>Students need to be referred by a social worker.</p> <p>Website: https://www.douglascollege.ca/programs-courses/faculties/child-family-community-studies/vocational-education-and-skills-training/consumer-and-job-prep</p> <p>Funding may be available for Douglas College programs (except Consumer and Job Preparation Program). BC Benefits funding may permit an application fee waiver. Please enquire for details.</p>	<p>Tuition Fees: N/A</p> <p>Funded by the Ministry for Children and Family Development. and Douglas College</p> <p>Referrals to the program are made through this Ministry.</p>	September	<p>Self-paced program</p> <p>Average time is 12 months.</p>

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<p>Douglas College - Customer Service And Cashier Training</p> <p>Contact: Joy Conran, Faculty Tel: 604-777-6164 Fax: 604-777-6269 Email: conranj@douglascollege.ca</p>	College	<p>Designed for students with barriers to education or employment.</p> <p>A 15 week program designed to prepare students for jobs in the wholesale retail and customer service sectors.</p> <p>Instruction includes classroom, lab and practicum components.</p> <p>Website: https://www.douglascollege.ca/programs-courses/catalogue/programs/CNCSCCT</p> <p>Funding may be available for Douglas College programs (except Consumer and Job Preparation Program). BC Benefits funding may permit an application fee waiver. Please enquire for details.</p>	Funding available for most students.	January and December	15 weeks including practicum.
<p>Douglas College - Warehouse Training Program</p> <p>Contact: Chris Gibson Tel: (604) 777-6063 Fax: (604) 777-6269 Email: gibsonc@douglascollege.ca</p>	College	<p>Designed for students with barriers to education or employment.</p> <p>A 14 week program designed to prepare students for jobs in warehouse work.</p> <p>A number of certificates are made available including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forklift Operator • First Aid • Transportation of Dangerous Goods • WHMIS <p>Website: https://www.douglascollege.ca/programs-courses/faculties/child-family-community-studies/vocational-education-and-skills-training/warehouse-training</p> <p>Funding may be available for Douglas College programs (except Consumer and Job Preparation Program). BC Benefits funding may permit an application fee waiver. Please enquire for details.</p>	<p>Funding available for most students.</p> <p>Students will require hard hats and steel toed boots (approximate cost is \$100).</p>	January and September	14 weeks full time including practicum.

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<p>Douglas College - Transitions Program</p> <p>Contact: Irina Tzoneva, Instructor, Faculty of Child, Family and Community Studies Tel: 604-777-6110 Fax: 604-777-6269 Email: tzonevai@douglascollege.ca</p>	College	<p>Designed for students with barriers to education or employment. The Transition to Work Program is effective for students leaving the public school system and those looking to re-enter the workforce. The program will assist students to gain employment skills and add work experience to their resume. CAVE Youth Employment Resource Centre</p> <p>Website: https://www.douglascollege.ca/programs-courses/faculties/child-family-community-studies/vocational-education-and-skills-training/transitions-program</p> <p>Funding may be available for Douglas College programs (except Consumer and Job Preparation Program). BC Benefits funding may permit an application fee waiver. Please enquire for details.</p>	Funding available for most students.	Continuous intake	16 weeks Includes 11 weeks of work experience placements
<p>Down Syndrome Research Foundation</p> <p>Contact: Patricia Hanbury, Direct of Programs and Services Tel: 604-444-3713 Email: pat@dsrcf.org</p> <p>Fax: 604-431-9248 Email: info@dsrcf.org Website: http://www.dsrcf.org</p>	Reading and Communication Plus Budgeting and Money Math Social Communication and Navigation (SCAN)	<p>Three post-secondary programs for Age 18+ small groups of 8 one BC-certified teacher and one teaching assistant, speech therapist also works with groups. Each program has different focus including improved reading fluency, comprehension, writing, money math, budgeting, social communication & community navigation skills, work readiness (specific program descriptions found on website)</p> <p>These programs are approved for tuition tax credits and use of Registered Education Saving Plan funds. DSRF will issue a T2202A E tax certificate. DSRF bursaries are available for students with Down syndrome.</p>	<p>RAC Plus is \$4,500 year</p> <p>Budgeting/ Money Math is \$1,950 year</p> <p>SCAN is \$2,750 year or SCAN/Money Math combo \$4,500</p>	September to June	10 months per year, each course is 2 years to complete: Usually take RAC plus (2 years) followed by Budgeting / SCAN (2 years)

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<p><i>Down Syndrome Society</i> (The Lower Mainland)</p> <p>Contact: Theresa Preston, LMDSS Office Tel: (604) 591-2722 Fax: (604) 591-2730 Email: info@lmdss.com</p> <p>Website: http://www.lmdss.com</p>	<p>Family Support/ Advocacy Organization</p>	<p>This is an organization of self-advocates, parents and professionals interested in promoting opportunities for individuals with Down Syndrome.</p> <p>It supports families by promoting public awareness, networking with other organizations and individuals, and lobbying for appropriate educational, vocational and social opportunities.</p>	<p>\$30.00/year (family rate)</p> <p>Free for individuals with Down Syndrome</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p><i>Employment Works Program</i></p> <p>Contact: Rebecca Farnell Tel: 604 207 1980 ext 2027 Email: rfarnell@pacificautismfamily.com</p> <p>Address: 3699 Cessna Drive, Richmond, BC V7B 1C7 Website: www.pacificautismfamily.com</p>	<p>Pre- Employment training for young adults with ASD who want to work.</p>	<p>The EWC program is a 12 week job readiness program for individuals ages 15-29 with ASD.</p> <p>The program is designed for 2 days a week. The first being structure learning provided by skilled facilitators at Pacific Autism Family Network. The learning sessions are typically in the morning and last for 2.5 hours. The second day is job sampling where the participants go into the community and practice the skills they have learned with community partners. Each Cohort has 9 participants, 2 peer mentors, 2 facilitators and the program coordinator.</p>	<p>FREE</p> <p>Participants are responsible for getting to PAFN on program days as well as to the community partner sites.</p>	<p>Cohort 6: Feb 19- May 8, 2018</p> <p>Cohort 7: June 11-Aug 28, 2018</p> <p>Cohort 8: Sept 24-Dec 11, 2018</p>	<p>12 weeks</p>

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<p><i>Family Support Institute</i></p> <p>Contact: Valerie Irving, Training Coordinator Tel: (604) 540-8374 Ext 521 Email: virving@fsibc.com</p> <p>Toll Free: 1-800-441-5403</p> <p>Website: http://www.familysupportbc.com</p>	<p>Family Support/ Advocacy Organizations</p>	<p>The Family Support Institute of BC (FSI) is a provincial non-profit charitable society registered in 1985. FSI supports approximately 10,000 families who have a family member with a disability each year.</p> <p>This support stems mainly from our large volunteer network of Resource Parents (RP's). Currently, FSI maintains a RP Network of over 250 volunteers, located in every region of the province, who support families across BC by sharing experiences and expertise, connecting families with one other, guiding families to supports and services in their communities and their regions.</p> <p>The volunteers are also involved in facilitating training and educational sessions including building community capacity with specific a focus in the areas of innovation and creative solutions. FSI's supports and services are free to any family. FSI is unique in Canada and is the only grass roots, parent to parent support organization with a broad volunteer base. FSI is not an advocacy organization. FSI believes that families are the experts, and ultimately the strongest voice, when it comes to their children. We support all families, with family members of all ages and all disabilities including mental health challenges.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p><i>family WORKs</i></p> <p>Contact: Anne Millerd, Facilitator, North Shore and Vancouver Tel: (604) 644-9603 Email: afmillerd@gmail.com</p> <p>Website: https://familyworksbc.com.</p>		<p>FamilyWORKs is a provincial, not for profit, family-driven network that hosts community conversations to empower and educate families about employment. There are nine chapters province wide including Vancouver, Burnaby and the North Shore hosting monthly workshops on a variety of topics from "Choosing An Employment Agency" to "Post Secondary Options" .</p> <p>For additional information see the familyWORKs website https://familyworksbc.com.</p>			

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<p>G.F. Strong Rehabilitation Centre</p> <p>Main centre, Referral intake office Tel: 604-734-1313 604-737-6291 Fax: 604-730-7904 Address: 4255 Laurel Street, Vancouver BC V5Z 2G9</p> <p>Website: http://www.vch.ca/Locations-Services/result?res_id=1277</p>	<p>Employment Support</p>	<p>Vocational Rehabilitation Counsellors provide one-to-one vocational rehabilitation counselling for people with spinal cord Injuries, arthritis, neuromuscular diseases, acquired brain injury and stroke.</p> <p>Individuals have the opportunity to explore interests, needs and values, to establish realistic work goals and to formulate a career training plan.</p> <p>With young people, typically we assist them in their transition from high school to post-secondary education. This might involve career exploration and linking them with practical resources such as funding, equipment, attendant care, etc.</p> <p>We work on interdisciplinary teams that include, for example, social workers, psychologists, occupational therapists, and physiotherapists, so the resources and expertise of all these people can be tapped, if needed. Information on funding and referrals to other agencies are also provided.</p>	<p>Referral from family physician</p>	<p>Continuous intake</p>	<p>Varies</p>
<p>HandyDart - TransLink</p> <p>Tel: 604-953-3333 Website: www.translink.ca/en/riderguide/accessible-transit/handydart.aspx</p>	<p>Public transit</p>	<p>HandyDART, door-to-door shared-ride service, makes going places easier. It uses specially-equipped vehicles designed to carry passengers with physical or cognitive disabilities who need assistance to use public transit. HandyDART's service provider (MVT Canadian Bus) operates 338 buses via a centralized service center that is available 18 hours a day. We'll pick you up at the outside door of your residence and drop you off at the outside door of your destination.</p>	<p>Varies - Website for fares and passes: http://www.translink.ca/en/Fares-and-Passes/Single-Fares.aspx</p>		<p>available 18 hours a day</p>
<p>Inclusion BC</p> <p>Contact: Advocacy Line Phone: 1-844-488-4321 Email: advocacy@inclusionbc.org</p> <p>Website: www.inclusionbc.org</p>	<p>Family Support/ Advocacy Organizations</p>	<p>Inclusion BC is a provincial federation whose members include people with developmental disabilities, families and community agencies. Together we have led the movement away from institutions since 1955. We are dedicated to advancing rights, promoting abilities and building awareness as we work to support full citizenship for all.</p> <p>A Parent's Handbook on Inclusive Education: http://inclusionbc.org/sites/default/files/WEBEducation_parent_manual_2014_0.pdf</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

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<p>Kwantlen Polytechnic University - Access Programs For People With Disabilities</p> <p>Website: http://www.kpu.ca/aca/appd</p> <p>Surrey Campus, 12666 - 72nd Ave. Surrey Contact: Glenda Lagasse, Faculty Tel: (604) 599-2530 Email: glenda.lagasse@kpu.ca Contact: Bryn Poirier, Administrative Assistant Tel: (604) 599-3095 VM: 3095 Email: bryn.poirier@kpu.ca</p> <p>Richmond Campus, 8771 Lansdowne Rd. Contact: Pat Foreman, Faculty Tel: (604) 599-3340 Email: pat.foreman@kpu.ca</p> <p>Langley Campus, 20901 Langley By-Pass Contact: Nicola Soles, Chair Tel: (604) 599-2934 Email: nicola.soles@kpu.ca</p>	<p>University</p>	<p>The Access Programs for People with Disabilities Department (APPD) offers two ten-month options for adults with a permanent disability or a combination of learning difficulties that hinder scholastic success. The goal of the programs is to help students learn essential employment and academic skills, encourage community engagement, and to identify and plan for further volunteer, employment or educational opportunities. Through participation in university classes and work experience opportunities, students learn about the expectations of universities and entry-level employment. Students are prepared for further participation in the work-force, university and community.</p> <p><u>Work Exploration:</u> The Work Exploration option provides information to students about the role and responsibilities of a university and the basic expectations of competitive entry-level work. Students will participate in classes and have the opportunity to explore a variety of work experiences. Work Exploration students must take APPD 0021 and APPD 0041. The Work Exploration course, APPD 0021, runs from September to April. The Strategies for Employment course, APPD 0041, runs in May and June. Students must successfully complete both APPD 0021 and APPD 0041 in order to graduate.</p> <p><u>Strategies for Employment:</u> Successful completion of APPD 0021 (Work Exploration) or APPD 0031 (Job Preparation) is required before taking this course. Students will reflect on and integrate their experiences in APPD 0021 or 0031 in order to complete a portfolio and conduct an independent or supported job search project. They will demonstrate essential skills on a monitored work experience.</p> <p><u>Job Preparation:</u> The Job Preparation option provides an opportunity for students to enhance their understanding of the role and responsibilities of a university student and the expectations of competitive entry-level work. Students will participate in classes and have the opportunity to explore a variety of work experiences. Job Preparation students will investigate and prepare for future work and academic opportunities. They will identify options for involvement in campus, community and work settings. Students will built essential skills through a combination of employment-oriented classroom instructions and monitored work experience. Job Preparation students must take APPD 0031 and APPD 0041. Students must meet the learning outcomes for both APPD 0031 and APPD 0041 in order to graduate.</p>	<p>Students pay application and program fees.</p> <p>For many APPD students, financial support is available through the provincial Adult Upgrading Grant (AUG).</p> <p>For more information on AUG, visit www.kpu.ca/awards/aug</p>	<p>September</p>	<p>10 months</p>

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<p>Kwantlen Polytechnic University - Services For Students With Disabilities</p> <p>Website: http://www.kpu.ca/ssd https://www.kpu.ca/sites/default/files/downloads/booklet25900.pdf</p> <p>Contact: Trena Cheung, Advisor Email: trena.cheung@kwantlen.ca Tel: 604-599-3233 Fax: 604-599-2731</p>	University	<p>Kwantlen Polytechnic University promotes a barrier-free environment that facilitates equal opportunities for persons with disabilities.</p> <p>Kwantlen works to provide physical, academic, and social access for students with disabilities by increasing the capacity to eliminate physical, course and program, policy, information, technological, and attitudinal barriers.</p> <p>Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) goal are for full and equal opportunity for students with disabilities to achieve their potential for success as self-directed independent learners.</p> <p>Faculty and staff in SSD are committed to creating and maintaining access to Kwantlen Polytechnic University courses and programs, student employment, facilities, services and activities through arranging reasonable accommodations, academic adjustments, auxiliary aids and services, training, funding, technical assistance, and guidance to students with disabilities.</p>	SSD services are cost-free for students	Continues Intake	Varies program to program
<p>Kudoz</p> <p>Contact: Janey Roh</p> <p>Tel: (604) 862-5836 Email: hello@kudoz.ca Website: www.kudoz.ca https://app.kudoz.ca</p>		<p>Kudoz is an experience platform that is about experiencing adventure after high school and continuing the learning!</p> <p>Kudoz is open to youth aged 16-18 and for adults 19+ that are eligible to receive supports from CLBC.</p>	<p>free</p> <p>no waitlist for 19 year olds who are CLBC eligible</p>		
<p>L'arche greater Vancouver</p> <p>Contact: Annette Kuhn Tel: (604) 435-9544 Email: akuhn@larchevancouver.org</p>	Housing	<p>L'Arche Greater Vancouver is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating homes and day programs in which people with and without developmental disabilities live, work and discover faith together.</p> <p>Website:http://www.larchevancouver.org</p>	Varies	Ongoing	Ongoing

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<p>Ministry Of Children & Family Development (MCFD)</p> <p>CYSN Intake: 604-660-6855 / 1-800-663-9122</p> <p>Contact: Ruth Anne Lesar, Team Leader of CYSN Linda Henderson, Team Leader of CYSN</p> <p>Yung Adetiba, Recruitment Resource Worker Tel: 604-775-2174 Email: yung.adetiba@gov.bc.ca Address: 8th Floor, 1177 West Broadway, Vancouver, BC V6H 1G3</p> <p>Vancouver/Richmond Fostering Recruitment Line: Tel: 604-775-2169 Website: www.gov.bc.ca/mcf</p>	Sources of Funding	<p>MCFD CYSN provides a range of Family support services/programs for Children and Youth with Special Needs who meet eligibility criteria until age 19.</p> <p>Services and funding options may be available for children or teens who have special needs and their families. Here are a few examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social and life skills training for children and teens. • Behavioural and other professional support services for children and teens. • Respite, counselling, support groups and homemaker services to assist families. <p>Children and Youth with Special Needs (CYSN) staff are available to discuss whether these services might be available to you and provide other useful information or support.</p> <p>The link to MCFD Special Needs site is below: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/managing-your-health/healthy-women-children/child-behaviour-development/special-needs</p> <p>Community Living BC link: http://www.communitylivingbc.ca</p> <p>Ministry of Social Development Person's with Disability information: www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/services-for-people-with-disabilities/disability-assistance</p>	None	Ongoing	Varies
<p>Ministry Of Social Development And Poverty Reduction</p> <p>Tel: 1-866-866-0800</p>		<p>The Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction focuses on providing British Columbians in need with a system of supports to help them achieve their social and economic potential.</p> <p>Website: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/organizational-structure/ministries-organizations/ministries/social-development-poverty-reduction</p>			

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<p>Multiple Sclerosis Society Of Canada (BC/YUKON)</p> <p>Toll Free: 1-800-268-7582 Tel: 604-689-3144 Fax: 604-689-0377 Email: info.bc@mssociety.ca</p>		<p>Please view website: https://mssociety.ca/</p> <p>Address: 1103-4720 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC V5H 4N2</p>			
<p>Muscular Dystrophy Canada (BC/YUKON)</p> <p>Toll Free: 1-800-366-8166 Tel: 604-732-8799 Fax: 604-731-6127 Email: infowest@muscle.ca</p>		<p>Please view website: www.muscle.ca/about-us/regions/western-canada</p> <p>Address: 302-601 West Broadway, Vancouver, BC V5Z 4C2</p>			
<p>Neil Squire Society</p> <p>Contact: Patty Lavakittichaiyant Career Facilitator Tel: (604) 473-9363 ext. 137 Fax: (604) 473-9361 Email: suzannew@neilsquire.ca</p> <p>Contact: Lizbeth Reyna Case Manger Email: lizbethr@neilsquire.ca</p> <p>Email: info@neilsquire.ca Website: http://www.neilsquire.ca</p>	Other programs & services	<p>The Neil Squire Society is the only national not-for-profit organization in Canada that has for over thirty years empowered Canadians with disabilities through the use of computer-based assistive technologies, research and development, and various employment programs. Working Together is an employment program which provides career development, vocational planning, computer skills training and health and wellness promotion for people with physical disabilities. Computer Comfort assists people with physical disabilities in developing computer skills by working one-on-one to help people use a computer independently. There are volunteer opportunities for computer tutors. Technology@Work supports people who have a work related barrier due to a disability or a functional limitation and who require Assistive Technology for employment or volunteer activities in British Columbia. Makers Making Change connects Makers to people with disabilities, to create access solutions. It features a catalogue of various open-source assistive technology projects, with parts, instructions and reviews to support makers and people with disabilities. Their first major project is the LipSync. There are volunteer opportunities to build LipSyncs and other open-source assistive technologies.</p>	Not applicable	Continuous	Ongoing

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<p>Office Of The Advocate For Service Quality Adults with Developmental Disabilities and transitioning youth with special needs and their families</p> <p>Contact: Leanne Dospital B.C.'s Advocate for Service Quality Email: leanne.dospital@gov.bc.ca</p> <p>Contact: Peter Do Program Advisor Email: peter.do@gov.bc.ca</p> <p>General Enquiry: Tel: (604) 775-1238 Email: ASQ@gov.bc.ca</p>	<p>Family Support/ Advocacy Organizations</p>	<p>Responds to situations involving individuals with developmental disabilities who require intervention by someone independent of the Ministry of Children and Family Development.</p> <p>The Office of the Advocate for Service Quality:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supports individuals and their families in working with Ministry staff and service providers; • provides a means for those with complaints/concerns about other Ministries and service providers to be heard and responded to; • assists with the resolution of concerns/complaints; • conducts impartial review when requested; • provides information, consultation and advice. <p>Website: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/services-for-people-with-disabilities/supports-services/advocate-for-service-quality</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Pacific Autism Family Network</p> <p>Contact: Anjela Godber</p> <p>Tel: (604) 207-1980 ext.2023 Email: anjela@pacificautismfamily.com</p> <p>Address: 3688 Cessna Drive, Richmond, BC V7B 1C7 Website: https://pacificautismfamily.com</p>	<p>Ready Willing and Able Employment Initiative</p>	<p>RWA is designed to increase the labour force participation of people with an intellectual disability or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).</p> <p>As a national strategy to develop inclusive and effective labour markets, RWA will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect and support employers, persons with intellectual disabilities or ASD and local, provincial and national community agencies • Promote understanding and awareness among employers and the general public as to the business value of hiring people with intellectual disabilities or ASD • Complement and enhance the capacity of community employment service delivery organizations by connecting them to new employer demands 	<p>Free</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

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<p><i>Pacific Community Resources society</i></p> <p>Contact: Natasha Stevens Tel: 604-412-7988 Cell: 604-862-5201 Fax: 604-412-7951 Email: nstevens@pcrs.ca</p> <p>Email: mailbox@pcrs.ca Website: http://www.pcrs.ca</p>	<p>Various programs for individuals from Vancouver to Chilliwack</p>	<p>The agency provides alternate education, employment, addiction counseling and prevention services, housing support, and cultural enrichment for children, youth, adults and families.</p> <p>Partner with individuals, businesses, other agencies and governments to ensure access to effective, high-quality community resources for people who are often vulnerable or marginalized from society.</p> <p>Committed to community-based research, advocacy, and community development to identify service gaps and strategies to address social problems such as poverty, child abuse, mental health, substance abuse, violence and homelessness.</p>			
<p><i>Pacific Spirit Community Health Centre</i></p> <p>Summer Recreation Programs for Vancouver Parks & Recreation</p> <p>Contact: Andrew Roets, Director, Child and Youth Services Developmental Disabilities Association Tel: 604-233-5438 Cell: 604-614-3872</p> <p>Tel: 604-261-6366 Fax: 604-261-7220 Address: 2110 W 43rd Ave, Vancouver, BC V6M 2E1</p>	<p>Social/ Recreation</p>	<p>For a complete list of summer recreation and camp programs for students with special needs, contact the Vancouver Parks & Recreation Centre's for details.</p> <p>Website: http://vancouver.ca/parks-recreation-culture/community-and-cultural-centres.aspx</p>	<p>Phone each individual community center for current fee information.</p>	<p>Varies</p>	<p>Varies</p>

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<p><i>Pals Autism Society</i> (Adult Program)</p> <p>Contact: Karin Terado Head of Adult Program Tel: (604) 872-7257 Fax: (604) 251-1627 Email: karin@palsautismschool.ca</p> <p>Website: http://palsautismschool.ca</p>	<p>Variety of Adult Services</p>	<p>PALS Autism Society - Adult Programs provide services to young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder or related neuro-developmental disabilities. This skills-building program offers job training, job coaching, functional academics, life and social skills training and community participation/leisure activities within a meaningful and structured environment.</p>	<p>Dependent on available funding</p>	<p>Continuous intake</p>	<p>Varies</p>
<p><i>Plan Institute</i></p> <p>Contact: Caitlin Leckie, Office Administrator Tel: 604-439-9566 Fax: 604-439-7001</p> <p>Email: info@planinstitute.ca Address: #260-3665 Kingsway, Vancouver BC V5R 5W2</p> <p>Website: http://planinstitute.ca</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Plan Institute is a non-profit based in Vancouver, BC, that works to improve the lives of people with disabilities by collaborating on community-based projects, offering a suite of learning initiatives, and advocating for policy reform. We provide variety of future, financial and personal planning resources for people with disabilities and their families. We host a number of workshops, retreats and courses, publish guides and other books, offer a free online Future Planning Tool, and provide free supports and services on all things related to the RDSP, including a grant for BC residents.</p>			

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<p>P.L.A.N. (Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network)</p> <p>Contact: Rebecca Pauls Tel: (604) 439-9566 Fax: (604) 439-7001 Email: rpauls@plan.ca</p> <p>Website: http://plan.ca</p>	<p>Family Support/ Advocacy Organizations</p>	<p>Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network (PLAN) is family-led charity dedicated to building inclusive communities for all citizens, without relying on government funding. We were founded in 1989 by parents who wanted to ensure their children could live good lives and contribute to their communities. While our founders were initially focused on their children with disabilities, the five components we use to define a good life are universal - loving friends and family, a home of one's own, financial security, participating in decision making and the ability to contribute their unique gifts.</p> <p>PLAN provide support in three major ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We help people with disabilities build and maintain networks of healthy, supportive relationships to empower contribution and citizenship • We help families implement legal, housing, financial and other important plans to ensure loved ones with disabilities are safe and secure for their lifetime • We bring together a network of families to provide mutual support and learning opportunities 	<p>Phone for current fee information.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>POPARD</p> <p>Contact: Allison Frers, UIP Team, District Resource Teacher for Inclusion Tel: (604) 614-3934 Email: afrers@vsb.bc.ca</p> <p>Website: www.autismoutreach.ca</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Provincial Outreach Program for Autism and Related Disorders (POPARD)</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Varies</p>	<p>Varies</p>

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<p>posAbilities Association Of B.C.</p> <p>Contact: Monique Nelson Director of Community Engagement Tel: 604-299-4001 Fax: 604-299-0329 Email: mnelson@posabilities.ca</p> <p>Contact: Justine Chubb Senior Communications Specialist Tel: 778-945-3344 Cell: 604-802-8221 Email: communications@posabilities.ca</p>	<p>Community Living: Autism and other Developmental Disabilities.</p> <p>All ages, multi-regional.</p>	<p>posAbilities offers a wide variety of personalized supports to persons of all ages who live with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities and their families: community inclusion (art, theatre, social and recreational); employment services; home living (semi-independent to fully supported); and behaviour consultation, skill development camps and a variety of customized trainings.</p> <p>We co-host a number of collaborative, community based initiatives like Kudoz, a unique learning exchange that is now available to youth ages 19+.</p> <p>Our core values define how we approach the individuals we serve, families and community in the work that we do. We are person-centered in our thinking and value inclusion, learning and excellence. Assisting individuals to achieve their dreams, while advancing community inclusion, is at the heart of all that we do.</p> <p>Website: http://www.posabilities.ca</p>	<p>Services are funded by: Ministry of Children and Family Development Autism Funding Unit Community Living BC Privately.</p>	<p>Ongoing - dependent on referrals from funder, behaviour support and employment services are also available by self-referral.</p>	<p>Time limited (e.g. behaviour support) or ongoing, dependent on referrals from funder</p>
<p>Reach Parent Network</p> <p>Contact: Pam Collins Tel: (604) 946-6622 ext 359 Email: pamc@reachchild.org</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Website: http://reachdevelopment.org</p> <p>Parent support group.</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>	<p>Varies</p>	<p>Varies</p>

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<p>Sam Sullivan Disability Foundation</p> <p>Contact: Matthew Wild Tel: 604-688-6464 Fax: 604-688-6463 Email: matthew@disabilityfoundation.org</p> <p>ConnecTra Society Contact: Stephen Street Tel: 604-688-6464 Ext. 115 Fax: 604-688-6463 Email: info@connectra.org</p>		<p>The Sam Sullivan Disability Foundation comprises of 6 affiliated societies: BC Mobility Opportunity Society, ConnecTra, Disabled Independent Gardeners Association, Disabled Sailing Association of B.C, Tetra Society of North America and Vancouver Adapted Music Society. Together these societies offer a variety of services for people with significant disabilities, centered around leisure (hiking, sailing, gardening and music) but also including supported job search (ConnecTra) and the provision of custom assistive devices (Tetra). ConnecTra volunteers provide one-on-one support and mentoring to help people with physical disabilities in the Metro Vancouver area find employment – including obtaining supports and grants, and completing training.</p> <p>Website: http://disabilityfoundation.org</p>			
<p>SET BC</p> <p>Contact: Kerry Randle, Provincial Coordinator Tel: (604) 269-2209 Fax: (604) 261-2256 Email: krandle@setbc.org</p> <p>Website: http://www.setbc.org</p>	<p>Provincial Resource Program</p>	<p>SET-BC is a BC Ministry of Education Provincial Resource Program established to assist BC school districts and Group 1 and 2 independent schools in utilizing technology with students whose access to the curriculum is restricted.</p> <p>SET-BC provides school districts with three tiers of services:</p> <p>Tier 1 Professional Development: Our consultants facilitate Professional Development activities which help build BC educators’ understanding of how technology can be used within current educational frameworks.</p> <p>Tier2 Technology Training and Classroom-based Solutions: We provide training on specific technologies which help BC educators support their students’ access to the curriculum. We also lend technologies appropriate for the classroom setting which support a range of student learning needs.</p> <p>Tier 3 Complex Needs Training and Student-based Solutions: We provide consultation and training on the use of complex technologies (communication, vision, physical access tools) and lend these technologies to districts for use with students who have complex needs.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>District / School determined</p>	<p>Annual</p>

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<p><i>SFU - Access For People With Disabilities</i></p> <p>Contact: Mitchell Stoddard, Director Centre for Students with Disabilities</p> <p>Tel: (778) 782-3313 Email: mitchell_stoddard@sfu.ca</p> <p>Website: http://students.sfu.ca/disability-access.html</p>	Support	<p>Provide disability related information, support and counselling to the SFU community and campus visitors.</p> <p>Review eligible students' disability documentation and recommend reasonable academic accommodations to offset the effects of their disability on academic life.</p> <p>Act as liaisons between students and faculty in the implementation of disability related services and accommodations.</p> <p>Facilitate student growth, independence and leadership skills.</p> <p>Advocate on issues related to diversity, educational equity and academic achievement.</p>			
<p><i>Sirota's Alchemy- Martial Arts School</i></p> <p>Contact: Master Michael Sirota, Principal Email: sirota@sirotasalchymy.com</p> <p>General Inquiry: info@sirotasalchymy.com Website: www.sirotasalchymy.com</p> <p>Vancouver: Tel: (604) 569-3395 Address: 6647 Victoria Drive, Vancouver, BC V5P 3Y2</p>		Specialty Programs for the visually impaired and children and youth living with various physical and developmental abilities.			

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<p><i>Spectrum Society For Community Living</i></p> <p>Contact: Ernie Baatz, Tel: 604-323-1433 Ext.109 Fax: 604-321-4144 Email: ernie@spectrumsociety.org</p> <p>Contact: Judy Wong Tel: 604-323-1433 Fax: 604-321-4144 Email: judy@spectrumsociety.org</p> <p>Website: http://www.spectrumfriends.ca</p>		<p>Spectrum is a non-profit society providing residential and daytime support to people with mental disabilities.</p> <p>It serves adults with challenging behaviours, dual diagnoses, complex health care, autism, traumatic brain injury and deaf-blindness.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>Referral from social worker or self-referrals accepted</p>	<p>Upon available opening</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
	Residential Services	<p>Provides housing to people in a variety of living arrangements, including apartments, co-op housing and duplexes in Vancouver, Richmond and Burnaby.</p> <p>There is a 24-hour staff to assist individuals in all aspects of daily living. Most clients live on their own or with just one other person with a disability.</p>			
	Community-based day programs	<p>Operating from the individual's home. Support is typically from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday to Friday.</p> <p>Activities in the community usually include: supported work (paid or volunteer), recreation, socializing, utilizing community resources (e.g., banks, stores).</p>			
	Life Skills Support:	<p>One-to-one support, supporting a number of individuals who live semi-independently or with their families.</p> <p>Assistance is given with budgeting, doctor appointments, etc.</p>			
	Supported Family Care	<p>We contract with caregivers to have an individual share a home with them.</p>			
	Bridges day program	<p>For young adults in transition to greater independence.</p> <p>Pre-employment training, life skills, socialization and functional academics.</p>			

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<p>Special Olympics BC (SOBC), Vancouver</p> <p>Contact: Chelsea rogers, Community Development Coordinator – Lower Mainland Email: crogers@specialolympics.bc.ca</p> <p>Contact: Matthew Schmiing Athlete Mentor Representative Email: athletes@sobcvancouver.org</p> <p>Toll Free: 1-888-854-2276 Tel: 604-737-3078 Email: info@specialolympics.bc.ca Website: www.sobcvancouver.org</p>	Support	<p>Special Olympics BC (SOBC) has provided high-quality sports programs and competitions to meet the needs and interests of individuals with intellectual disabilities, enrich lives, and celebrating personal achievement through positive sport experiences.</p> <p>Special Olympics BC (SOBC) offer year-round programs in eighteen sports.</p>	Not applicable	Varies	Ongoing
<p>Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of BC</p> <p>Tel: 604-878-7000 Fax: 604-677-6608 Email: info@sbhabc.org Address: Suite 228, 102-15910 Fraser Highway, Surrey BC V4N 0X9</p>		<p>Please view website: http://www.sbhabc.org</p>			

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<p>Spinal Cord Injury BC (formerly BC Paraplegic Association)</p> <p>Toll Free: 1-800-689-2477 Tel: (604) 324-3611 Email: info@sci-bc.ca Address: 780 SW Marine Dr, Vancouver BC V6P 5Y7</p> <p>Website: http://sci-bc.ca/</p>	Peer program	<p>Spinal Cord Injury BC's Peer Support Program helps people with spinal cord injuries and those with related disabilities, overcome the challenges of living in a wheelchair by building communities of support throughout British Columbia.</p> <p>Our toll-free help line to speak with one of our knowledgeable Information Services Agents for answers to your questions on living with a spinal cord injury or related disability.</p>	None	Ongoing	Ongoing
<p>Steps Forward Inclusive Post-Secondary Education</p> <p>Contact: Arden Duncan Bonokoski Community Development Director Tel: (778) 223-3721 Email: arden@steps-forward.org</p> <p>Address: 890 Greenchain, Vancouver, BC V5Z 3Z7</p> <p>Website: www.bc-ipse.org</p>	Academic and Social Inclusion Support to Access Post-Secondary Education	<p>Through the BC Initiative for Inclusive Post- Secondary Education, STEPS Forward supports students with developmental disabilities to access post-secondary education inclusively across BC. Students with developmental disabilities are supported at their local campus to access the academic and vocational programs open to any student, engage in all aspects of campus life through clubs, sports, and a myriad of campus activities. Coherent with typical post-secondary students, to also find paid summer employment that can potentially lead to the development of a career related to their field of study.</p> <p>Support is year round (12 months), with students supported to find paid summer employment that can potentially lead to the development of a career related to their field of study. There are no minimum academic or behavioural requirements to be eligible for supports. Student selection is based on the desire to pursue an authentic student experience.</p> <p>STEPS Forward intentionally ensures that at least one student with significant and complex challenges has an opportunity to continue their studies at their local campus after they leave high school.</p>	Tuition Student fees Books	September	4-5 years

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<p><i>Strive Living Society</i> (Formerly Called Howe Sound Rehabilitation Services Society)</p> <p>Contact: Michelle Dixon, Director of Staffed Adult Residences and Clinical Services Tel: (778) 373-1249 Email: michelle@striveliving.ca</p> <p>Email: info@striveliving.ca Website: www.striveliving.ca</p>	Other programs and services	<p>Footprints Unlimited Day Program endeavours to promote opportunities and provide training and support for clients to access and contribute to the communities in which they reside.</p> <p>Footprints Unlimited is a well-structured, yet flexible program that includes, but is not limited to education development, recreational activities, therapeutic services, life skills training, and volunteer options. Footprints Unlimited provides custom-tailored programs schedules that allow for the ever-changing needs and interests of each individual.</p>	Contact the Program Coordinator or a Social Worker for referral to the program	Continuous intake	Individualized, self-paced as much as possible
<p><i>Tetra Society Of North America</i></p> <p>Contact: Eric Molendyk, BC Chapter Coordinator Tel: 604-688-6464 ext. 108 Fax: 604-688-6463 Email: eric@disabilityfoundation.org</p>	Assistive devices	<p>The Tetra Society of North America is a non-profit organization that recruits skilled volunteers to create customized assistive devices for people with physical disabilities.</p> <p>Website: www.tetrasociety.org</p>	None	Ongoing	Varies
<p><i>The Provincial Language Service</i></p> <p>A program of the Provincial Health Services Authority Toll Free: 1-877-228-2557 Tel: (604) 297-8400 Fax: (604) 297-9304 Email: pls@phsa.ca Website: http://pls.phsa.ca/default.htm</p>		<p>PLS Interpreting Services PLS Translation Services</p> <p>Online: https://plscustomer.phsa.ca/ Email: plstranslations@phsa.ca Address: 1795 Willingdon Ave, Burnaby BC V5C 6E3</p>			

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<p><i>Theatre Terrific</i></p> <p>Contact: Leah Brandford-Smart, General Manager Tel: 604-222-4020 Cell: 604-440-2037 Fax: 604-222-4020 Email: generalmanager@theatreterrific.ca</p> <p>Website: allianceforarts.com/members/s ervices</p>	Social/ Recreation	<p>Theatre Terrific Society has been working since 1985 to gain public acceptance for people with disabilities by enabling them to participate in Vancouver’s vibrant theatrical community. By offering classes and mounting amateur and professional productions, Theatre Terrific Society acts as a unique catalyst for growth and change.</p> <p>EVERYONE IS WELCOME.</p>	<p>Varies</p> <p>(Phone for current fee information.)</p>	Ongoing	Varies
<p><i>Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada</i> Greater Vancouver Chapter</p> <p>Tel/Fax: 604-732-3594 Email: vancouvertics@hotmail.com</p>		<p>Please view website: www.tourette.ca</p> <p>Address: PO Box 53556, 984 W Broadway, Vancouver BC 5Z 4M6</p>			
<p><i>UBC – Access And Diversity</i></p> <p>Contact: Heidi Nygard Tel: 604-822-5844 Fax: 604-822-6655 Email: access.diversity@ubc.ca</p> <p>Website: http://www.students.ubc.ca/acc ess</p>	Student service unit	<p>Access & Diversity works with the University to create an inclusive environment in which all students can thrive.</p> <p>We work with students, staff, and faculty to build a community that is accessible for everyone. We foster the full and self-directed participation of students with disabilities in post-secondary education. We provide support and program initiatives designed to remove barriers for students with a disability or ongoing medical condition.</p>	Not applicable	On-going	

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<p>Vancouver Coastal Health</p> <p>Health Services For Community Living: Elana Berger, HSCL Team Coordinator Complex Rehab Supports, VCH Tel: (604) 734-1313 ext.2202 Email: elana.berger@vch.ca Michelle Dumond (Meshe) Program Assistant Tel: (604) 734-1313 ext 2196 Email: michelle.dumond@vch.ca</p> <p>Vancouver Pediatric Team: Ingrid Kusnierczyk Program Coordinator Tel: (604) 267-2643 Email: ingrid.kusnierczyk@vch.ca Program Assistant Tel: (604) 267-2606</p>	<p>Family Support/ Advocacy Organizations</p> <p>Nursing, OT and PT services</p>	<p>Health Services for Community Living is a Vancouver Coastal Health Community team that provides health care services to CLBC clients.</p> <p>Nursing Support Services and School age Therapy Program providing nursing, OT and PT services to eligible students while attending school as well as supporting transitions to adult services</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p>	<p>Not applicable</p> <p>Not applicable</p>	<p>Not applicable</p> <p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Vancouver Community College - Basic Education Department (Broadway Campus)</p> <p>Andrew Cadela, Dept. Head Edie MacKenzie, Assessments</p> <p>Tel: 604-871-7000 ext 7371</p>	<p>Basic education for 18 years or older</p>	<p>Basic education courses are designed for adults who want to improve their reading, writing or math skills from beginner levels to the end of Grade 8. Students work together in small groups or in self-paced classes. We offer classes in the morning, afternoon and evening. We also offer computer literacy classes twice per week.</p> <p>All students must attend an Intake interview with the Student Services Assistant for Students with Disabilities before they register. Documentation of disability or prior assessments may be required. Call 604-433-8451 to arrange an interview.</p>	<p>Application: No Fee Tuition: \$408.00/per course U-Pass : \$38.00 per month where applicable Other Costs: Approved Adult Upgrading Grant may cover the cost of these classes. See Financial Aid for Applications</p>	<p>January, April, September and continuous intake</p>	<p>Varies</p>

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<p>Vancouver Community College - Community And Career Education Department (Downtown Campus)</p> <p>Contact: Ingrid Defert Department Leader CACE Tel: (604) 871-7000 Ext.8434 Email: ideoert@vcc.ca</p> <p>Contact: Mae Bickley Student ServicesAssistant for Students with Disabilities, CACE Tel: (604) 871-7000 Ext.8451 Fax: (604) 443-8433 Email: mbickley@vcc.ca</p>	College	<p>Programs and courses for Students with diverse learning needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Special Education • 3 Full time Programs: • Career Awareness • Food Service Careers • Retail and Hospitality Careers <p>3 Part-time courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Applications P/T course • Managing your Money P/T course • Reading & Writing Level 3 and 4 P/T courses <p><i>All students must attend an Intake interview with the Student Services Assistant for Students with Disabilities before they register. Documentation of disability or prior assessments may be required. Call 604-433-8451 to arrange an interview.</i></p> <p><u>Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Adults (Broadway Campus):</u> Contact: Astrid Evensen-Flanjak Tel: (604) 871-7000 Ext.7342 Fax: (604) 871-7000 Ext.7379 Email: aevensenflanjak@vcc.ca Contact: Hiroko Kitayama, Program Assistant Tel: (604) 871-7000 Ext.7344</p> <p><u>Program for Visually Impaired Adults (Broadway Campus):</u> Contact: Rita Dilek, Department Head Tel: (604) 871-7000 Ext.7339 Fax: (604) 871-7000-7379 Email: rdilek@vcc.ca Contact: Shana Moudy, Program Assistant Tel: (604) 871-7000 Ext.7340</p>	Fees and Other Costs (visit website)	Course Schedule (visit website)	<p>9 months 9 months 9 months</p> <p>9 months 9 months 9 months</p>

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<p>Vancouver Community College - Disability Services</p> <p>VCC – Downtown Campus Contact: Ali Oliver, Disability Services Advisor Tel: 604-871-7000 Ext.8448 Email: aoliver@vcc.ca</p> <p>VCC – Broadway Campus Contact: Alice Cheung, Disability Services Advisor Tel: 604-871-7000 Ext.7210 Email: alicheung@vcc.ca Contact: Julia Li, Disability Services Advisor Tel: 604-871-7000 Ext.7404 Email: juli@vcc.ca</p> <p>Appointment Booking: 604-871-7000 press option 2</p> <p>Website: http://www.vcc.ca/services/services-for-students/disability-services</p>	College	<p>We take access seriously and are committed to making VCC accessible to students with disabilities. Some VCC students with disabilities study in specialized programs, while others are enrolled in regular programs.</p> <p>In addition to course and program planning assistance, orientation to the college, and ongoing learning assistance, VCC provides specialized services on an individual basis. Disability services can provide support such as exam accommodation, job search assistance and community resource referrals.</p> <p>Access to equipment and Braille or taped class material is available, as well as interpreting services for classes, events, and study situations.</p> <p>Some VCC services require advance planning. Applicants are encouraged to make an appointment with a disability counsellor and/or disability advisor four months before classes begin. To qualify for services, students must have up-to-date documentation of their disability.</p> <p>All students must attend an Intake interview with the Student Services Assistant for Students with Disabilities before they register. Documentation of disability or prior assessments may be required. Call 604-433-8451 to arrange an interview.</p>			

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<p>Vancouver Community College - <i>Interpreting Services</i></p> <p>Contact: Nigel Scott, Supervisor Interpreting Services Dept. Tel: 604-871-7000 Ext.7518 Email: nscott@vcc.ca</p> <p>Website: http://www.vcc.ca/services/services-for-students/interpreting-services</p>	College	<p>Interpreting and transcribing services for students at VCC who are deaf, DeafBlind or hard of hearing.</p> <p><i>All students must attend an Intake interview with the Student Services Assistant for Students with Disabilities before they register. Documentation of disability or prior assessments may be required. Call 604-433-8451 to arrange an interview.</i></p>	None	Prospective students must meet with Disability Services at VCC to determine accommodation before the course starts. Preferably 2 months beforehand.	Varies
<p>Vancouver Parent Transition Group</p> <p>Contact: Yuko McCulloch, Coordinator Tel: 604-222-2258 Email: transitionparents@gmail.com</p> <p>Contact: Liz Cochran, Coordinator Tel: 604-733-6252</p>	Parent Support	<p>The Vancouver Parents Transition Group is an education and support group for parents of youth with developmental disabilities who are transitioning to adulthood. The group meets once per month and features guest speakers who provide information and support to families.</p> <p>Website: https://vptg.wordpress.com</p>			
<p>Vancouver Parks Board – Access Services</p> <p>Email: access.services@vancouver.ca</p>	Recreation	<p>The Vancouver Park Board offers many adapted and integrated recreational activities for children, youth, adults, and seniors with disabilities.</p>			

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<p><i>Vancouver Resource Society For The Physically Disabled</i></p> <p>Contact: Gloria Kocay, Director of Client Services Tel: 604-731-1020 Ext. 211 Email: gloria@vrs.org</p> <p>Contact: Melissa De Genova Tel: 604-731-1020 Ext.216 Email: melissa@vrs.org</p> <p>Fax: 604-731-4003 Website: http://www.vrs.org</p>	College	<p>This group provides community independent living situations through group residences for adults and children with physical disabilities. Offers subsidized housing and attendant care. Formerly known as the Handicapped Resource Centre.</p>	Rents dependent on their income.	Submit application (available by vacancies)	Varies
<p><i>Variety – The Children’s Charity</i></p> <p>Contact: Evonne Lau Associate, Grant Program Tel: (604) 268-3891 Email: evonne.lau@variety.bc.ca</p> <p>Contact: Bonita Theron Associate, Grant Program Tel: (604) 268-3884 Email: bonita.theron@variety.bc.ca</p> <p>Tel: (604) 320-0505 Website: www.variety.bc.ca</p>	Charity	<p>Variety – The Children’s Charity Provides Individual Grants to children and youth with learning disabilities (Q designations) to receive additional tutoring support. In addition, grants considered from additional therapy (speech, physio and occupational) as well as counselling support beyond what the school can provide for those who have designated needs whose families can not financially afford. (\$65,000.00 income threshold).</p> <p>To start the process and check eligibility (family or teacher).</p>	None	Ongoing	Varies – each grant is valid for 1 year to a maximum \$ (\$1500 max for tutoring, \$5000 max overall).

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<p><i>Vela Microboard Association Of BC</i></p> <p>Contact: Jeff Moulins Tel: 604-575-2588 Email: info@velacanada.org</p> <p>Contact: Kim Thomas Tel: 604-575-2588 Email: kimthomas@velacanada.org</p> <p>Fax: 604-575-2589 Website: http://www.velacanada.org</p>	Support	Vela is a non-profit society originally formed to offer subsidized housing to people with developmental challenges in the Greater Vancouver area of British Columbia as well as providing assistance and support for the establishment and ongoing functioning of Vela Microboards.	Varies	Ongoing	Ongoing
<p><i>Western Institute For The Deaf And Hard Of Hearing</i></p> <p>(WIDHH-Better at Home Services for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Seniors)</p> <p>Contact: Tammy Gray Tel: 604-736-7391 Text: 778-991-1254 Email: tgray@widhh.com</p> <p>Website: http://www.widhh.com/services.html</p>	Support	<p>Services to Deaf, Deafened and Hard of Hearing individuals through innovative products, services, and programs that help to promote accessibility equal to that of the hearing public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counselling Services • Employment Services • Audiology (Hearing Clinic) • Hearing Aid Program • Information Services • Communication Aids • Interpreter Services • Resources Services 	Varies	Ongoing	Ongoing

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<p>WorkBC Employment Services Centre – Career Zone Youth Satellite, YWCA Metro Vancouver</p> <p>Alex Gist, Youth Educations Program Manager Tel: (604) 895-5844 Email: agist@ywcavan.org</p> <p>Bonnie McLellan, Resource Advisor Tel: (604) 605-4666 ext. 236 Email: bmclellan@ywcavan.org</p>	<p>Life Skills Support Employment</p>	<p>Website: https://ywcavan.org Fax: (604) 605-7118</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After school Grade 7 transition • Specific VSB Schools • High school mentorship for young men and women • Employment program working with youth ages 16-30 			
<p>WorkBC Employment Services Centre – Pacific Community Resources Society, Midtown</p> <p>Contact: Alexander Bell, Community and Business Engagement Coordinator Tel: 604-829-2300 Fax: 604-829-0900 Email: abell@vmesc.ca</p> <p>Website: www.pcrs.ca/midtown</p>	<p>Employment & Career Support</p>	<p>Every WorkBC Employment Services Centre delivers free workshops for people who want to learn more about finding a job, starting work and maintaining employment. A large accessible Resource Room is available for all job seekers for access to computers, internet, copiers, scanners and phones. Qualified staff including Resource Specialists, Case Managers, Vocational Counselors, Workshop Facilitators and Job Developers are available to assist job seekers overcome the difficulties in job search. Our in-depth workshops cover a variety of topics, including Career planning, Workplace communication and Resume Writing and Interviews. We can assess your eligibility for Funding for training, Vocational Assessments, Job Placement Services, Wage Subsidy, Job Start support, Work Experience and more. To access intensive Support with a Case Manager or Vocational Counselor, candidates need to be Canadian Citizens, Permanent Residents or Convention Refugees, over the age of 16, be unemployed or precariously employed, if in full time school, must have a disability that impacts ability to transition to employment independently. Have Valid SIN</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

Please note some websites are still being set up and some sites are not updated regularly.