

PROVINCIAL RESOURCES

Set BC (Special Education Technology BC)

Online: www.setbc.org

We assist BC school districts in supporting students whose access to the curriculum is restricted.

School District No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson)

Online: www.sd73.bc.ca

The Kamloops Thompson School District provides Public Education Programs in the City of Kamloops, and the municipalities of Chase, Barriere, Logan Lake, and Clearwater. Many smaller communities make up our district, from Savona in the west, to Westwold in the southeast and to Blue River in the north.

Sunnyhill Health Centre for Children

Online: www.bcchildrens.ca/Services/SunnyHillHealthCtr/AboutUs/default.htm

Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children...

- is the child rehabilitation and development program of BC Children's Hospital
- supports children and youth with disabilities, from birth to their 19th birthday
- sees more than 5,000 children a year, from over 300 different communities in BC
- is a teaching hospital affiliated with UBC
- trains 150 students a year in medicine, social work, nursing, psychology, and therapy
- conducts research so we can continually improve on the services we provide

BC Children's Hospital

Online: www.bcchildrens.ca

BC Children's Hospital and Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children, agencies of the Provincial Health Services Authority, provide expert care for the province's most seriously ill or injured children, including newborns and adolescents. Based in Vancouver, BC Children's and Sunny Hill reach across the province with vital health services that may not be available anywhere else in B.C.

Health Canada Advisories and Warnings

Online: <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/index-eng.php>

Health Canada provides timely information on the issues that concern the health of Canadians.

Ministry of Child and Family Development - Special Needs

Online: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/managing-your-health/healthy-women-children/child-behaviour-development/special-needs>

Provides services and information for families of children who may be affected by

- [Autism Spectrum Disorder](#)
- [Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder](#)
- [Hearing or vision loss](#)
- [Complex health needs](#)
- [Intellectual Disabilities](#)

Parents Autism Handbook from MCFD

Online: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/managing-your-health/autism/autism_handbook_parents_guide.pdf

This handbook is for parents and caregivers of children and youth who may have, or have been diagnosed with, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). It provides information on ASD, intervention, and programs available for children and youth with ASD and their families. The Ministries of Children and Family Development (MCFD), Education and Health Services work closely to coordinate assessment, diagnosis, intervention and support services for children and youth with ASD and their families.

Let's Play

Online: www.letsplaybc.ca

This website is intended to be a resource for everyone - teachers, recreation programmers, parents and others - who have an interest in having all kids become and remain physically fit.

BC Autism Assessment Network (BCAAN)

Online: www.phsa.ca/AgenciesAndServices/Services/Autism/default.htm

What is BCAAN? A program of the Provincial Health Services Authority, BCAAN is responsible for assessing and diagnosing children who may have autism. The goal of BCAAN is to provide timely assessment and diagnosis within reasonable distance of the child's home. BCAAN includes specialists and health care professionals throughout BC. Assessment services are provided by each of the five geographic health authorities.

Infant Development Program

Online: www.idpofbc.ca

Telephone: (250) 371-4140

If you have a child under three years that you feel is not developing like other children his or her age contact IDP. IDP provides family support and advocacy, developmental assessments, program planning and access to a resource library.

Strongest Families

Online: www.cmha.bc.ca/how-we-can-help/children-families/strongestfamilies

Strongest Families is an effective, accessible educational service for families of children with mild to moderate behaviour problems (ages 3 to 12) offered through the Canadian Mental Health Association, BC Division.

BC Housing

Online: www.bchousing.org/HAFI

The HAFI program provides financial assistance for home modifications that help eligible low-income British Columbians with mobility or health issues continue to live in their home. The assistance is available to eligible homeowners and tenants. For more information, visit the link above for call (604) 433-1711 or toll free at 1-866-465-6873

Child Development & Rehabilitation

An online directory of British Columbia resources.

Online: www.childdevelopment.ca/bc.aspx

Access 2 Entertainment Card

Online: www.access2card.ca/

Provides discounted admission to the support person accompanying a person with a disability to member movie theatres across Canada.

Campsite Fees for Persons with Disabilities

Online: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/fees/disability.html>

Canada Revenue Agency

Child Tax

Online: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/child-family-benefits/provincial-territorial-programs/province-british-columbia.html#bcctb>

Child Disability Tax Benefits

Online: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/child-family-benefits/child-disability-benefit.html>

The child disability benefit (CDB) is a tax-free benefit of up to \$2,730 per year (\$227.50 per month) for families who care for a child under age 18 with a severe and prolonged impairment in physical or mental functions.

Child Disability Benefit

Online: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/segments/tax-credits-deductions-persons-disabilities/disability-tax-credit.html>

The disability tax credit (DTC) is a non-refundable tax credit that helps persons with disabilities or their supporting persons reduce the amount of income tax they may have to pay.

Child Care Subsidy & Special Needs Supplement

Online: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/child-care/financial-assistance-for-child-care>

Telephone: 1-866-866-8000

The Child Care Subsidy Program supports low and moderate income families to meet the costs of child care. The child care subsidy can be used to help pay for the following types of care:

- licensed or licensed not required family child care facilities
- licensed group child care centres
- licensed out-of-school programs
- licensed preschool programs
- child care in the child's own home

Eligibility: A parent must meet one of the following criteria: be employed or self-employed, seeking employment, attending an educational institution, have a medical condition that interferes with their ability to care for their child, or have a child who could benefit from a licensed preschool experience.

Special Needs Supplement: Parents eligible for child care subsidy, who have a child designated with special needs, who requires child care, may be eligible to receive the Special Needs Supplement. The SNS provides up to an extra \$150.00 per month towards the cost of child care.

The Registered Disability Savings Plan

Online: <http://www.rdsp.com/what-is-it/what-is-it/>

RDSP is a savings plan designated specifically for people with disabilities in Canada. The first of its kind in the world, this new tax-deferred savings vehicle will assist families in planning for the long-term financial security of their relatives with disabilities.

Endowment 150-A Vancouver Foundation Program

Online: <http://www.rdsp.com/endowment-150/>

Telephone: 1-888-707-9777

To help those who want to save, Endowment 150 offers one-time \$150 gifts to Registered Disability Savings Plans (RDSP.) In addition to this \$150 gift, you could receive additional funds from Canada Disability Savings Grants and Bonds. All this money will grow and will help you have the life you want in years to come.

Variety Club

Online: www.variety.bc.ca

Together, raising funds and distributing grants throughout British Columbia to inspire hope, enrich lives, and build a better future for children who have special needs.

At Home Program

Online: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/managing-your-health/healthy-women-children/child-behaviour-development/special-needs/complex-health-needs/at-home-program>

Coverage for medical equipment and supplies, medical transportation, therapy, respite care and nursing respite.

Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program for Persons with Disabilities (RRAP - Disabilities)

Online: <http://www.agtahomecare.com/funding-rrap/>

Modifications to homes (including rental housing)

Home Adaptations for Independence Program – BC Housing

Online: www.bchousing.org/HAFI

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