

## BC Teachers' Federation

### Parent Support Groups

The following groups provide support services or regular meetings for parents with children with a variety of challenges.

#### **Achievebc** [www.achievebc.ca](http://www.achievebc.ca)

This web site brings together the latest educational tools and information for promoting learning and achievement in early childhood, grade school, post-secondary education, and the world of work.

#### **Advantage Society for Children with Learning Disabilities**

22151 Wilson Ave  
Richmond B.C. V6V 2P6  
phone: 604-520-1155

e-mail: [info@eurekacamp.ca](mailto:info@eurekacamp.ca)  
web site: [www.eurekacamp.ca/](http://www.eurekacamp.ca/)

Run Eureka Outdoor Camp and offer outdoor recreational programs for children and adolescents with invisible disabilities

#### **Asante Centre for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome**

22326(A) McIntosh Avenue  
Maple Ridge, B.C. V2X 3C1  
phone: 604-467-7101  
fax: 604-467-7102  
toll free: 1-866-327-7101

e-mail: [info@asantecentre.org](mailto:info@asantecentre.org)  
web site: [www.asantecentre.org](http://www.asantecentre.org)

They offer diagnostic, assessment and family support services, based on a multidisciplinary team approach, for children, youth and adults affected by FAS.

#### **Association for Community Living (BCACL)**

300-30 East 6th Avenue  
Vancouver V5T 4P4  
phone: (604) 875-1119

e-mail: [info@bcacl.org](mailto:info@bcacl.org)  
web site: [www.bcacl.org](http://www.bcacl.org)

A federation that advocates for children, youth and adults with developmental disabilities and their families to ensure justice, rights and opportunities in all areas of their lives.

#### **Autism Society of B.C. (ASBC)**

301-3701 East Hastings Street  
Burnaby, BC V5C 2H6  
phone: 604-434-0880, 1-888-437-0880

e-mail: [info@autismbc.ca](mailto:info@autismbc.ca)  
web site: [www.autismbc.ca](http://www.autismbc.ca)

#### **BC Aboriginal Network on Disability Society - BCANDS**

1179 Kosapsum Crescent,  
Victoria, B.C. V9A 7K7  
phone (Victoria): 381-7303  
toll-free: 1-888-815-5511  
fax: 250-381-7312

web site: [www.bcands.bc.ca](http://www.bcands.bc.ca)

Provides a variety of support services and resources to help B.C.'s aboriginal people with

disabilities, and others associated with the disabled.

### **BC Blind Sports and Recreation Association**

#330 - 5055 Joyce Street  
Vancouver , B.C. V5R 6B2  
phone: 604 325-8638  
toll free: 0-604-325-8638, after the tone,  
enter 7617  
fax 604-325-1638

e- mail: [info@bcblindsports.bc.ca](mailto:info@bcblindsports.bc.ca)  
web site: [www.bcblindsports.bc.ca/](http://www.bcblindsports.bc.ca/)

A not for profit association of individuals who are blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, or are blind and have additional disabilities; and their families and other supporters. Our services are provided throughout the province of British Columbia and are available to individuals of all ages. We work closely with the CNIB, other organizations in the field of blindness, other vision professionals, and the generic physical activity system in order to improve access and opportunities for participation in physical activity.

### **BC Brain Injury Association**

218 6th St.  
New Westminster, BC V3L 3A2  
phone: 604-520-3221, 1-800-510-3221  
fax: 604-520-3206

### **BC Epilepsy Society**

120-535 West 10th Avenue  
Vancouver, BC V5Z 1K9  
phone: 604-875-6704  
fax: 604-875-0617

e-mail: [info@bcepilepsy.com](mailto:info@bcepilepsy.com)  
web site: [www.bcepilepsy.com](http://www.bcepilepsy.com)

Non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to serving the British Columbians living with epilepsy, and their families. They also work with educators and other organizations to build awareness about epilepsy-related issues, and to increase people's knowledge about the disorder and first aid.

### **BC Family Hearing Resource Centre**

15220 - 92nd Avenue  
Surrey, British Columbia, V3R 2T8  
voice: (604) 584-2827  
toll free: 1-877-584-2827  
TTY: (604) 584-9108  
fax: (604) 584-2800

e-mail: [Info@bcfamilyhearing.com](mailto:Info@bcfamilyhearing.com)  
web site: [www.bcfamilyhearing.com/](http://www.bcfamilyhearing.com/)

A provincial program that provides comprehensive services to families with young deaf and hard of hearing children throughout B.C. We also provide consultation and training to other professionals working with deaf and hard of hearing children.

### **BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities**

Vancouver  
3981 Oak Street  
Vancouver, BC V6H 4H5  
phone: 604-873-1865, 1-800-818-4483  
fax: 604-873-0166  
Victoria  
#230-174 Wilson Street  
Victoria, BC V9A 7N6  
phone: 250-386-0668

e-mail: [info@lionsbc.ca](mailto:info@lionsbc.ca)  
web site: [www.lionsbc.ca/](http://www.lionsbc.ca/)

fax: 250-386-0663

You may also know us as the Easter Seal People. Under both names, their Society mandate is to support children with disabilities throughout British Columbia.

### **BC Prader Willi Syndrome Association**

21542 85A Court  
Langley, BC V1M 2G4

web site: [www.bcpwsa.com](http://www.bcpwsa.com)

Is a non profit charity that provides an understanding and awareness of PWS by supporting those who have the syndrome, their families and all who come in contact with PWS

### **BC Schizophrenia Society**

#201 - 6011 Westminster Hwy.  
Richmond, B.C. V7C 4V4 Canada  
phone: 604.270.7841  
toll free: 1.888.888.0029  
fax: 604.270.9861

e-mail: [bcss.prov@telus.net](mailto:bcss.prov@telus.net)  
web site: [www.bcss.org/](http://www.bcss.org/)

Provincial Office - 34 branches; 13 Regional Coordinators around the province; and three Program Coordinators who provide educational and support services to families.

### **Burnaby Parents for Community Living**

Burnaby, B.C.  
phone: 604-421-4303

e-mail: [sharonsteadman@shaw.ca](mailto:sharonsteadman@shaw.ca)

Provides support, information, and personal advocacy for families that have a child with an intellectual disability. We meet regularly on the last Monday of the month at the Burnaby Association for Community Inclusion, 2702 Norland Avenue, Burnaby.

### **Canadian Down Syndrome Society**

811 - 14th Street N.W.  
Calgary, AB T2N 2A4  
phone: (403) 270-8500  
toll free: (800) 883-5608  
fax: (403) 270-8291

e-mail: [dsinfo@cdss.ca](mailto:dsinfo@cdss.ca)  
web site: [www.cdss.ca](http://www.cdss.ca)

See web site for support groups in BC.

### **Canadian Hard of Hearing Association – Parents Branch**

c/o Janet Les, Editor 10150  
Gillanders Rd. Chilliwack BC,  
V2P 6H4  
phone: 604-794-3772  
fax: 604-794-3960

web site: [www.chhparents.bc.ca/](http://www.chhparents.bc.ca/)

Is a province wide network of parents, families and friends of hard of hearing children. Parents share information regarding upcoming events, technology, coping strategies, advocacy, resources. Their newsletter is free to all families of hard of hearing children in British Columbia. E-mail [janetles@canada.com](mailto:janetles@canada.com) to receive this resource.

### **Center for Epilepsy & Seizure Education**

32868 Ventura Avenue, Abbotsford

e-mail [epilepsy.support@telus.net](mailto:epilepsy.support@telus.net)

British Columbia V2S 6J3  
Phone 604-853-7399  
Fax 604-853-7336

web site: [www.epilepsy.cc](http://www.epilepsy.cc)

Provides one-on-one meetings for parents of children with epilepsy and offers a wealth of free education materials.

### **Cerebral Palsy Association of British Columbia**

102-317 Columbia Street  
New Westminster, B.C.  
phone: 604-515-9455, 1-800-663-0004  
fax: 604-515-9466

e-mail: [e-mail: info@cerebralpalsy.com](mailto:info@cerebralpalsy.com)  
web site: [www.bccerebralpalsy.com](http://www.bccerebralpalsy.com)

Contact for resources for parents of children with special needs as well as having an ongoing parent support group. The CPABC has a family support worker on staff who specializes in accessibility and inclusion issues. We also sponsor monthly parent support group meetings. The CPABC has an extensive parent library regarding special education issues.

### **CHADD (Children & Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder) Vancouver**

PO Box 74670  
Vancouver, BC V6K 4P4  
phone: 604-222-4043

web site: [www.vcn.bc.ca/chaddvan/home.htm](http://www.vcn.bc.ca/chaddvan/home.htm)

### **Children's Centre for Ability**

phone: 604-451-5511  
fax: 604-451-5651

e-mail: [home@centreforability.bc.ca](mailto:home@centreforability.bc.ca)  
web site: [www.centreforability.bc.ca/](http://www.centreforability.bc.ca/)

A non-profit organization with over 34 years of experience in the field of disabilities, providing individualized therapy and support services to children and youth in their homes and communities, specialized community living services and comprehensive vocational and support services for adults, and promoting successful community participation for individuals with disabilities.

### **Deaf Children Society**

7355 Canada Way  
Burnaby, BC V3N 4Z6  
phone: 604-525-6056  
TTY: 604-525-9390  
fax: 604-525-7307

e-mail: [deafbc@deafchildren.bc.ca](mailto:deafbc@deafchildren.bc.ca)  
web site: [www.deafchildren.bc.ca/](http://www.deafchildren.bc.ca/)

They operate a pre-school with qualified American Sign Language trained instructors. They offer parents and guardians: counselling, library, newsletters, and social events. For educators and relevant professionals they offer books, videos, and other teaching materials specifically catered for deaf and hard of hearing children.

### **Delta Family Alliance**

phone: 604-418-5056

e-mail: [mmcnabb@dccnet.com](mailto:mmcnabb@dccnet.com)

Delta Family Alliance has a group for parents of adults with special needs.

### **Down Syndrome Research Foundation & Resource Centre**

1409 Sperling Avenue  
Burnaby, BC V5B 4J8  
phone: 604-444-3773, 1-888-464-3773

e-mail: [dawn@dsrf.org](mailto:dawn@dsrf.org)  
web site: [www.dsrf.org](http://www.dsrf.org)

Their mandate is to provide information, support and disseminate research, provide and develop educational opportunities and clinical support to children and adults with Down Syndrome around B.C., their families and professionals working with them. Down Syndrome Associations in BC Chapters: Abbotsford, Cowichan, Dawson Creek, Greater Victoria, Kamloops, Northern Vancouver Island, Lower Mainland, Penticton, BC North, Nanaimo, Trail, North Vancouver, West Kootenay.

### **EIBI (Early Intensive Behavioural Intervention)**

phone: 604-946-6622, ext. 331

Program for families of children under 6 years of age with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) has a group for parents of children of all ages with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in the Delta area.

### **Families Organized for Recognition and Care Equality**

phone: (604)878-3400  
toll free: 1-800-661-2121

web site: [www.bckidsmentalhealth.org](http://www.bckidsmentalhealth.org)

Their purpose is to ensure mental health care and services are provided to children and youth. Their web site also includes a list of organizations, internet sites, books and magazines that offer good information concerning mental health.

### **Family Net**

fax: 604-535-0903

e-mail: [info@bcfamilynet.org](mailto:info@bcfamilynet.org)  
web site: [www.bcfamilynet.org](http://www.bcfamilynet.org)

An independent provincial network that provides a provincial voice for children and youth with special needs, adults with developmental disabilities and their families. Their web site has an exhaustive list of support organizations.

### **Family Network for Deaf Children**

phone: 604-684-1860  
TTY: 604-421-5271  
fax: 604-421-5273

web site: [www.fndc.ca/](http://www.fndc.ca/)

Offers workshops, videos, and a newsletter and information bulletins supporting and providing information to parents of Deaf and hard-of-hearing children and the communities that support them.

### **Family Support Institute**

300-30 E. 6th Ave  
Vancouver, BC V5T 4P4  
phone: (604) 875-1119

e-mail: [fsi@bcacl.org](mailto:fsi@bcacl.org)  
web site: [www.familysupportbc.com](http://www.familysupportbc.com)

A province-wide organization whose purpose is to support and strengthen families faced with the extraordinary circumstances that come with having a family member who has a disability.

### **FAS/E Support Network of B.C.**

13279 - 72nd Avenue  
Surrey, BC V3W 2N5  
phone: 604-576-9911, 1-866-328-3273  
fax: 604-507-6685

e-mail: [info@fetalalcohol.com](mailto:info@fetalalcohol.com)  
web site: [www.fetalalcohol.com](http://www.fetalalcohol.com)

Operate a 24 hour "warm line" which provides parents and the professional community with consultation, support and specific information. They also offer comprehensive training programs

tailored to the needs of the group or community are available on a fee for service basis. The Support Network is active in the research, design and development of resource materials about FAS/E

### **Federation of Invisible Disabilities**

1562 Fort St  
Victoria, BC V8S 5J2  
phone: (250) 370-9974  
toll free: 1-800-549-1999  
fax: (250) 370-7598

e-mail: [coordinator@fidsbc.com](mailto:coordinator@fidsbc.com)  
web site: [fidsbc.com/](http://fidsbc.com/)

Their purpose is to ensure children with invisible disabilities have access to education, recreation and other services that help them to reach their potential as members of society. They seek to educate and increase awareness of invisible disabilities at service, funding and policy levels. They provide information and support to parents and caregivers.

### **Friends for Life**

Address: none given.

e-mail: [MCF.CYMHFRIENDS@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MCF.CYMHFRIENDS@gov.bc.ca) (BC address)  
web site: [www.friendsinfo.net](http://www.friendsinfo.net) or  
[www.friendsinfo.net/ca.htm](http://www.friendsinfo.net/ca.htm)

Friends for Life originates in Australia and is available in Canada. Friends for Life/FRIENDS in Canada is a school-based, childhood anxiety prevention program which is delivered to schools in co-operation with the BC Ministry of Education. The program may also provide early intervention to children who may be at higher risk for anxiety disorders.

### **Gifted Children's Association**

Suite 300-210 W Broadway,  
Vancouver, BC V5Y 3W2  
phone: 1-877-707-6111

e-mail: [david\\_shepherd@telus.net](mailto:david_shepherd@telus.net)  
web site: [www.gcabc.ca](http://www.gcabc.ca)

Dedicated to providing support and advocacy for gifted children and their families. Chapter Contacts in Armstrong, Central Vancouver Island, Coquitlam, Maple Ridge, North Shore, Shuswap, South Island, Surrey and Vancouver.

### **Infant Development Program of BC**

2765 Osoyoos Cres.  
Vancouver, BC V6T 1X7  
phone: 604-822-4014

e-mail: [infantdv@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:infantdv@interchange.ubc.ca)  
web site: [www.idpofbc.ca](http://www.idpofbc.ca)

Infant Development Programs in BC are designed to support families who are raising young children at risk for or with developmental delay or disabilities. They provide home visits, assessment and program planning as well as liaison with other families.

### **Kinsmen Rehabilitation Foundation of BC**

300 999 W. Broadway  
Vancouver, BC V5Z 4R1  
phone: 604-736-8841

The KRF assists people with disabilities who need help the most –those who have fixed or limited incomes and find it difficult to deal with the costs associated with living with a disability. This group will provide technology which allows people with disabilities to live at home wherever possible.

### **The Laurel Program**

240 4664 Lougheed Highway

e-mail: [info@laurel.mapcl.org](mailto:info@laurel.mapcl.org)

Burnaby, BC V5C 5T5

web site: [laurel.mapcl.org](http://laurel.mapcl.org)

Committed to working with you and your team to support your child using ABA-based best practices. We strive to actualize our mission statement in all that we do, " To promote, establish and participate in an inclusive community."

### **Learning Disabilities Association of B.C.**

#### **BC Chapter:**

**#204 3402 27th Ave**

Vernon, BC V1T 1S1

phone: 250-542-5033

e-mail: [lda-vernonbc@home.com](mailto:lda-vernonbc@home.com)

#### **Vancouver Chapter:**

3rd floor 210 W. Broadway

Vancouver, BC V5Y 3W2

phone: 604-873-8139

fax: 604-873-8140

e-mail: [info@ldav.ca](mailto:info@ldav.ca)

web site: [www.ldav.ca](http://www.ldav.ca)

#### **LDA Chapters in BC:**

Comox Valley 250-339-1642

Fraser North 604-931-5166

Fraser South 604-591-5156

Smithers 250-847-3407

South Vancouver Island 250-370-9513 [www.ldasvi.bc.ca](http://www.ldasvi.bc.ca)

Vancouver, Burnaby, Richmond 604-873-8139 [www.ldav.ca](http://www.ldav.ca)

Vernon 250-542-5033

Williams Lake 250-392-7801

Non-profit organization committed to fostering the full potential of persons with learning disabilities.

### **Lower Mainland Down Syndrome Society**

#201 13281 72nd Ave

Surrey, BC V3W 2N5

phone: 604-581-2722

e-mail: [imdss@telus.net](mailto:imdss@telus.net)

web site: [www.lmdss.com](http://www.lmdss.com)

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

### **Mainstream Association for Proactive Community Living**

4664 Lougheed Hwy

Burnaby, BC V5L 5T5

phone: (604)299-4001

TTY: (604) 299-2399

fax: (604) 299-0329

e-mail: [info@mapcl.org](mailto:info@mapcl.org)

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

Mainstream Association for Proactive Community Living is the product of small societies merging in 1998.

### **Mood Disorders Association of BC**

2730 Commercial Drive, #201

Vancouver, B.C.

V5N 5P4, Canada

phone: (604) 873-0103

fax: (604) 873-3095

e-mail: [mdabc@telus.net](mailto:mdabc@telus.net)

web site: [www.mdabc.net](http://www.mdabc.net)

Provide support and friendship for those with the illness, their family and friends, educate the community, encourage the development of effective self-help models, encourage the development of resources and services necessary for recovery.

**The North Shore Disability Resource Centre (NSDRC)**

3158 Mountain Highway,  
North Vancouver, B.C. V7K 2H5  
phone/TTY: 604-985-5371

e-mail: [nsdrc@nsdrc.org](mailto:nsdrc@nsdrc.org)  
web site: [www.nsdrc.org/](http://www.nsdrc.org/)

Provides programs and services based on the belief that all people are important to their community. We work to ensure that people with disabilities, along with their families and friends, can participate actively as members of the community. We are committed to working toward a community which is free of physical, financial and attitudinal barriers.

**Parent Network for Parents of Children with Special Needs (0-18 years) Serving Delta and Surrey**

Si Stainton, Parent Network Facilitator  
phone: 604-946-6622 ext 359

e-mail: [deltachild@dccnet.com](mailto:deltachild@dccnet.com)

It's the opportunity to meet up with other parents of children with special needs, to talk about our children and our families and to share information. The group meets on the last Tuesday of most months between 6.30 & 8.30 pm. They meet either in North Delta, Ladner or Tsawwassen.

**Provincial Outreach Program for Autism and Related Disorders**

4746 - 57 Street  
Delta, BC V4K 3C9  
phone: 604-946-3610  
fax: 604-946-2956

e-mail: [dmoscrop@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:dmoscrop@deltasd.bc.ca)  
web site: [www.autismoutreach.ca](http://www.autismoutreach.ca)

POPARD is a Provincial Outreach Program providing information, personnel training and student consultation to school districts across the province. They do not provide direct support to parents, but parents can access our web site (see URL above).

**Sexual Health Resource Centre for Children and Young People with Disabilities**

Sunny Hill Education Resource Centre  
Room S225  
3644 Slocan Street  
Vancouver, BC  
toll free : 1-800-331-1533 ext.1  
phone: 604-453-8335 ext. 1

e-mail: [sherc@cw.bc.ca](mailto:sherc@cw.bc.ca)  
web site: [www.cw.bc.ca/sunnyhill/shrl/](http://www.cw.bc.ca/sunnyhill/shrl/)

Using the educational materials available at SHRC, families, teachers and service providers have been able to support the healthy sexual and social skills development and strive towards the decrease in the incidence of sexual abuse for children and young people with disabilities.

**Simon Fraser Society for Community Living**

204 Blue Mountain Street  
Coquitlam, B.C. V3K 4H1  
phone: 604-525-9494  
fax: 604-525-3013

e-mail: [cstinson@sfscf.org](mailto:cstinson@sfscf.org)  
web site: [www.sfscf.org](http://www.sfscf.org)

The Simon Fraser Society for Community Living hosts two parent support groups in the Tri Cities area for parents of children with extra support needs.

**Society of Special Needs Adoptive Parents (SNAP)**

phone: 604-687-3114  
1-800-663-7627

e-mail: [snap@snap.bc.ca](mailto:snap@snap.bc.ca)  
web site: [www.snap.bc.ca](http://www.snap.bc.ca)



A provincially registered not-for-profit and federally registered charity that helps families with challenges through mutual support, information, sharing and advocacy.

### **Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of BC**

4480 Oak St  
Vancouver, BC V6H 3V4  
phone: 604-878-7000

e-mail: [info@sbhabc.org](mailto:info@sbhabc.org)  
web site: [www.sbhabc.org](http://www.sbhabc.org)

To improve the quality of life of all individuals with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus and their families through awareness, education and research.

### **Tourette Syndrome Foundation Vancouver Chapter**

PO Box 53556, 984 W. Broadway  
Vancouver, BC V5Z 4M6  
phone: 604-732-3594

Canadian web site: [www.tourette.ca](http://www.tourette.ca)  
e-mail: [tristan@express.ca](mailto:tristan@express.ca)

Chapters around in Campbell River, Lac La Hache, Prince George and Victoria. For more information, call toll free 1-800-361-3120

### **Western Institute for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

2125 W. 7th Ave  
Vancouver, BC V6K 1X9  
P: 604-736-7391

e-mail: [info@widhh.org](mailto:info@widhh.org)  
web site: [www.widhh.com](http://www.widhh.com)

Strives to offer high quality 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.