

Community support

Community Living Victoria's work would not be possible without the generous support of hundreds of individuals and businesses. Community Living Victoria receives its core funding from Community Living BC. Other sources of funding have included the United Way of Greater Victoria, Ronald McDonald House Charities, the Heart of Variety Fund, the Queen Alexandra Foundation for Children, the Victoria Foundation and the Community Living Victoria Foundation.

The Foundation

The Community Living Victoria Foundation was established in 1995 to raise funds and awareness that benefit the children, adults and families supported by Community Living Victoria.



The Foundation, an independent, registered charitable organization with its own board of directors, provides for funding and public awareness opportunities through planned giving, sponsorships and a speakers' bureau.



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Our Mission

Community Living Victoria supports people with developmental disabilities together with their families and support networks by promoting their full citizenship and inclusion in the community.



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Different abilities. One community.

Family Support

Who we are

On December 16, 1955, a group of dedicated parents founded what is now called Community Living Victoria. Today, as the largest non-profit community living service provider on Vancouver Island, Community Living Victoria provides a range of support services to children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families.



Our values

Our work is guided by our values, experience and history and draws from strong roots in the community. Community Living Victoria recognizes the rights of everyone to have a full range of life choices, including access to education, affordable and appropriate housing, leisure options, gainful employment and participation in the community. A healthy community encourages the involvement of everyone.

Family Support Program

We believe that people with developmental disabilities, together with their families, are entitled to have the central role in decision making about their own well being. Family includes everyone an individual considers family, whether they be natural, adopted, foster, caregivers, friends or advocates.

Community Living Victoria provides customized support

and advocacy services, in various environments, such as schools and in family homes, which are guided by the needs of each individual and family.

We offer...

- > information, resources and contacts to a wide range of services and supports;
- > active support in planning meetings in schools (individual education plans), family homes, and with Community Living BC (personals plans);
- > planning sessions and tools to assist individuals and their support teams;
- > facilitation of partnerships between families and professionals;
- > conflict resolution;
- > workshop presentations and representation on committees to increase community acceptance of people with disabilities and promote inclusion;
- > parent support groups and parent-to-parent connections; and
- > a resource library complete with books, videos and articles.

“I very much appreciate Community Living Victoria as a supportive organized network. The services available to support people with disabilities and their families exist no where else. Your advocacy voice is so important. Excellent resource people.”

“The support that my daughter receives allowed her to develop independence, and me to feel comfortable that she established her own lifestyle and friends with less dependence on me.”

SOURCE: COMMUNITY LIVING VICTORIA
FAMILY SATISFACTION SURVEY 2006

To receive support

Individuals with a developmental disability or families can call Community Living Victoria directly, or be referred by Community Living BC, a public health professional or other community agencies.

Upon referral, a family support staff member will meet with the individual or family. Together, they will assess the needs and set reasonable goals based on the strengths and needs of the individual or family.