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Community Living
VICTORIA

Hope. Help. Home.

Mission

CLV empowers people to enhance their quality of life through self-determination.

Vision

People are living a life of their choice.

Core Values

INCLUSION

People's unique strengths and talents are celebrated in communities that embrace diversity, where everyone is valued and supported to succeed.

SUPPORT

People's support is personalized through empowerment, advocacy, and collaboration, ensuring their choices are honored.

BELONGING

People experience respect and security, with opportunities for stability, growth, and meaningful connections.

CLV Family and Parent Support Newsletter

CLV Announcements

3rd Annual Car Show!

Please join us on **August 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 3861 Cedar Hill Cross Road** for a fun, family-friendly day sponsored by the Walter P. Chrysler Car Club. There will be live music, a barbecue, and CLV swag for sale. Admission is by donation, and all proceeds will support CLV programs and services.

Moss Street Market: Visit us every other Saturday to learn more about our work and shop handcrafted wood products generously donated to CLV. Every purchase directly supports our programs and services.

Yellow Booklet - Summer Services for Children with Disabilities

Established in 1996, The Yellow Booklet is a collaborative effort between CYSN and community agencies as a resource to provide information to families about summer camps and funding for children and youth with diverseabilities residing in the South Vancouver Island Region.

Check out the Yellow Booklet

Community Events

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Special Woodstock

"Special Woodstock" is a music festival that happens once a year on Vancouver Island, BC, Canada on the beautiful 140-acre property of Providence Farm in Duncan, BC, Canada.

The date for this year's event will be held on

Sunday, August 16th, 2026

10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

"Special Woodstock" was created to feature the artistic talents of people with disabilities alongside professional musicians on a community/world stage...

Founded in September 1999 by Shelley Vaags, who saw a need for a platform to be created to feature this incredible, courageous, inspiring, and unique community of individuals.

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FamilySmart
Together-Centred

Working Together: Families and Schools - FamilySmart

When our kids struggle with their mental health, challenges can often have a great impact on their school experience. As parents it can be really hard to know where to begin. How do we take the first step and let the school know what is going on for our family? What are the supportive options that are available to my child? We might even worry that we will be judged for the difficulties our child is facing.

August 18, 2026 @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm PDT

Register Here

Learn More

The transition from preschool into school can be particularly challenging for parents and their children when extra supports are required. Extra care is needed to ensure a smooth process and to understand how to navigate the school system This workshop is designed for parents of preschoolers and kindergarteners to learn new tools and strategies for the first year of school.

Learn More and Registration

Take a moment to pause this August to creatively explore and nurture your wellness!
This one-hour workshop offers a welcoming and supportive space for you to explore and choose simple materials (which may include: markers, crayons, pastels, paints, natural materials, etc.) through art-making processes.

With guidance, you will be invited to explore art-making as an opportunity to pause, rest your nervous system, and explore your own creativity. Participants will explore how creative time can be an effective strategy for supporting personal wellness. Art-making is accessible for all abilities, focuses on personal expression, and no previous art experience is needed to participate.

Register Here

VICTORIA WHEELCHAIR SPORTS

PUTTS FOR A PURPOSE

WHAT IS VICTORIA WHEELCHAIR SPORTS?

Victoria Wheelchair Sports is a non-profit organization that has been providing adaptive sport opportunities in Greater Victoria since 1997. For more than 25 years, we have been committed to creating inclusive, accessible, and meaningful sport experiences for individuals with physical disabilities.

An adapted sport chairs can cost between $5,000 - $12,000. As a non-profit organization, Victoria Wheelchair Sports relies on the support of donors, sponsors, and community events to help offset these costs and ensure that athletes have access to functioning equipment and programs. Funds raised through this golf tournament will directly support the purchase and maintenance of sport wheelchairs, program delivery, and the continued growth of adaptive sport programming in Greater Victoria.

By participating in this event, you are helping remove barriers and create more opportunities for individuals with disabilities to experience the physical, social, and mental benefits of sport.

Victoria Wheelchair Sports

Register Here

Register for a webinar this August

Access a live Q&A with our specialist

AUGUST 6 — **THURSDAY** 10-11:30 AM PT
Level 1: Intro to the Registered Disability Savings Plan

AUGUST 11 — **TUESDAY** 4-5:45 PM PT
Disability Tax Credit

AUGUST 13 — **THURSDAY** 5:30-7:30 PM PT
ASL Interpreted: Registered Disability Savings Plan

AUGUST 20 — **THURSDAY** 10-11:30 AM PT
Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning in BC

AUGUST 25 — **TUESDAY** 5:30-7:30 PM PT
Arabic Interpreted: Registered Disability Savings Plan

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FRIDAY AUGUST 28, 2026 | 6:00PM - 8:00PM PST
EXTREME OUTREACH SOCIETY
102-284 HELMCKEN RD, VICTORIA
FOR GIRLS & NON-BINARY YOUTH AGES 9-12

More Info and Registration

BRITISH COLUMBIA AVIATION MUSEUM

WHERE HISTORY TAKES FLIGHT

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Great Bear Rainforest - IMAX Victoria

Journey to a land of grizzlies, coastal wolves, sea otters and the all-white spirit bear - the rarest bear on earth - in the film Great Bear Rainforest.

- **August 2nd at 10:00 am Sensory-Sensitive Screening: Great Bear Rainforest**

Get Tickets

Greek Fest- August 28-30, Sept 4-7

Hosted on the premises of the Greek Community of Victoria 4648 Elk Lake Drive, Victoria, British Columbia GreekFest, a vibrant celebration of Greek culture, is taking place again this summer and will captivate attendees with its tantalizing Greek cuisine, mesmerizing dances, and fascinating ethnic and cultural performances.

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Resources

Your Rights as a Parent with a Disability in British Columbia - Family Support Institute

Parents with disabilities are strong, caring, and capable. This toolkit is here to make sure you are heard, your rights are respected, and your family can thrive.

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Billable to Autism Funding (AFU)

We love to chat, ask us your questions:

(250) 590-7841

info@victoriaspeechlanguage.ca

Enroll here

SUMMER

BC Accessible Adventure List

Find inclusive adventures in BC

Hey BC families—are you looking for things to do this summer?

Check out our Summer Accessible Adventures List, a compilation of fun, inclusive, accessible activities in BC!

The Accessible Adventure List is a curated collection of inclusive, sensory-friendly, free or low-cost activities across British Columbia, designed to make summer recreation fun, accessible, and adaptable for children and adults with disabilities and families.

Visit their Website

SASS

Sooke Autism Support Society

Our Lending Library

Check out the great resources this SUMMER!

- Check out the **wonderful variety** of books, games, videos, and various learning resources available!
- We **graciously accept new donations** for the **SASS Autism Resource Hub** which is cared for by the **Sooke Regional Library**!
- Please ensure all donations are **provided directly to SASS** so we can properly identify & itemize items before bringing them to the Library for use.

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Sensory Resource Backpack Kits - Victoria Airport Authority

Sensory resource backpack kits contain tactile and sensory items that can provide additional support for autistic and neurodivergent travellers at Victoria International Airport.

Each kit includes various items, such as noise cancelling headphones, activity book, fidget spinners, squeeze toy and a stuffed toy that encourage self-soothing and can help an individual remain calm in a stressful or overstimulating environment.

Travellers can pick up a sensory support kit for free at the Customer Service Desk in the Departures Check-in or at the Information Booth in Arrivals.

Anyone needing accessibility assistance should contact their airline at least 48 hours before their flight. Victoria International Airport’s accessibility services provide additional support for travellers but do not replace air carrier processes for accessibility assistance.

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Let's Go Fitness - Special Needs Fitness & Friends

Live online fitness classes for people with special needs. Strength, sports, yoga and a weekly dance party - led by trainers who truly get it. Book a free intro session.

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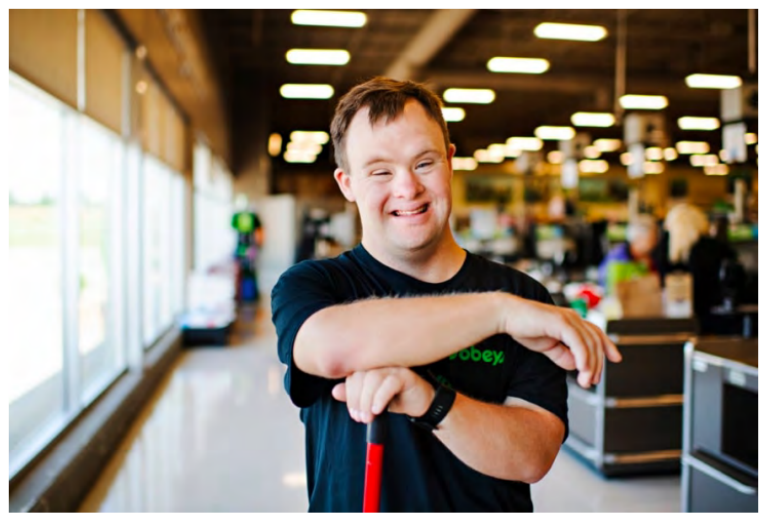

3.21 Canada's Down Syndrome Magazine - Canadian Down Syndrome Society

We are very excited to present our first-ever self-advocate issue! The voices of Canadians with Down syndrome come first, and in this issue we explore advocacy work that is already being done, how others can learn to advocate for themselves, and how individuals with Down syndrome are helping to guide organizations.

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Wild Embrace Farm

Our Mission To facilitate a sense of inclusion for members of underserved communities through a range of empowering activities in nature. As an organization founded and run by settlers, we respectfully acknowledge that we are living and working on the ancestral lands of the Coast Salish people. Our board members currently live and work...

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autistic girls, aged 8-11 and currently enrolled in school.

Contact them

Canucks Autism Network Gift Card Grab | Summer Raffle

Since 2008, Canucks Autism Network (CAN) has supported 8,000+ children, youth & adults on the autism spectrum, while providing autism training to thousands of community members across BC.

Eighteen years ago, CAN started with a single children's soccer program. Today, we offer 480+ sports & rec, wellness & mental health, and employment programs each year, benefiting participants from childhood to adulthood. Meanwhile, our training & accessibility consultation initiatives reach community sectors, like first responders, educators, employers, mental health professionals, the travel industry, and more.

Here’s your chance to win big, while supporting important autism initiatives across BC!

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THE RIGHTFIT

MATCHING WHEELCHAIR USERS TO ACCESSIBLE HOUSING

MAKING EVERY UNIT COUNT

The Right Fit program works with wheelchair users and housing providers to match homes with people who need it most. The Right Fit Program has been serving the Metro Vancouver area since 2017 and now has expanded to the Capital Regional District!

If you are a housing provider or wheelchair user wanting to join the CRD program, please contact lindsay@dabc.ca

For general inquiries, contact rightfit@dabc.ca or visit www.therightfitbc.org

dabc disability alliance bc

Contact CRD Program

News

ADVOCATE FOR SERVICE QUALITY

ANNUAL

REPORT

2025 - 2026

Advocate for Service Quality- Annual Report 2025-2026

People with developmental disabilities and teens with special needs can get information, advice, referral services, or support from the Advocate for Service Quality.

Find out what the Advocate for Service Quality accomplished over the last year in the

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MEMBERSHIP MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

One of our strengths as a non-profit is the many families whose sons and daughters have or are presently receiving services through our various programs-as well as the many caregivers, friends and volunteers who have made a commitment to the organization. Membership can play a strong role in ensuring the continuation and growth of services and supports. Membership gives you a voice in the governance and direction of Community Living Victoria.

Please join us and download a membership application **HERE!**

Contact Us
info@clvic.ca
250-477-7231

Parent Support
pspcoordinator@clvic.ca
250-477-7231 ext. 231

As always, we're happy to connect with you and your family to find out how we can be a valuable resource for you.

Please note, the CLV newsletter is for information purposes only. We do not necessarily endorse or recommend the services and programs listed outside of our agency services.

We acknowledge and respect the lək̓ʷəŋən peoples on whose traditional territory CLV provides services and supports, and the Songhees and Esquimalt nations whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

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