

# PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCE DIRECTORY

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**RESOURCES/SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**  
**Prince George Area**  
**Birth to age 5**

**Accommodation outside Prince George**

<b>Heather House Hostel</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-875-2298	4480 Oak Street Vancouver
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Accommodates people from outside Vancouver who are family or friends of patients being treated at B.C. Children's Hospital</li> <li>- 19 rooms available, including family rooms (3-4 family members), double rooms and single rooms</li> <li>- Wheelchair accessible</li> </ul>	
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reasonable Rates</li> </ul>	

<b>Ronald McDonald House</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-736-2957	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 4116 Angus Drive Vancouver
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children undergoing treatment for serious illnesses and their immediate families can be accommodated temporarily</li> <li>- 20 minute walk to B.C. Children's Hospital</li> </ul>	
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very reasonably priced</li> </ul>	

**Assistive Technology, Equipment and Supplies**

<b>At Home Program (MCF)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 612-4519	Northern Interior Health Unit
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children must have physical disabilities AND be dependant in the areas of: eating, toileting, hygiene, dressing and mobility.</li> <li>- For children and youth up to 18 years of age</li> </ul>	
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Referral through physiotherapy and occupational therapists or contact the Northern Interior Health Unit</li> <li>- Supplies equipment deemed to be medically necessary, including seating and mobility systems, bathing and toileting needs, special beds, car seats, lifting devices and rolls and wedges for use at home.</li> </ul>	
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Certain equipment is funded by the At Home Program, no cost to parent</li> <li>- Requires an application (available at the Health Unit or MCFD office) form signed by a physician; then 1 hour follow-up with child and family by a Public Health Nurse</li> <li>- More information on the website at <a href="http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/at_home/">www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/at_home/</a></li> </ul>	

<b>Cariboo Orthopedic Services Ltd.</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 561-8799	1618 Ogilvie St., Prince George
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Custom bracing and support</li> </ul>	
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Retail charges</li> </ul>	

<b>Child Development Centre</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-7168 <i>Fax:</i> 563-8039    1687 Strathcona Ave., PG, BC, V2L 4E7
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For clients of Child Development Centre.</li> <li>- Items are loaned to non-clients based on availability of stocks.</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adapted toys, loan computers, software, rolls and wedges, infant and toddler seats, walkers, standers, communication devices, switches, wheelchairs</li> <li>- Large items are for short-term loan (up to 3 months)</li> <li>- Seating clinic held twice yearly in partnership with SunnyHill Hospital.</li> <li>- Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy assessments.</li> <li>- Referrals by doctor, community agencies, parents and caregivers</li> </ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mostly no charge. Some very large items may require borrower to take out temporary insurance against fire and theft and to pay a refundable deposit to cover damages.</li> </ul>

<b>Hearing Aids</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-7311    Northern Interior Health Unit, Hearing Dept.,
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hearing Testing and prescription of hearing aids.</li> <li>- NIHU will order the hearing aids on behalf of parents.</li> </ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hearing aids are sold at reduced cost via the B.C. Hearing Aid Program.</li> <li>- If parents are unable to afford the aids, NIHU staff will help them access charitable funding.</li> </ul>

<b>Kinsmen Rehab Foundation (Vancouver)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No longer has an equipment loan program</li> </ul>
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<b>Medi-Chair Northern B.C.</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 562-8280    849 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave., Prince George, BC
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Power scooters, walkers, lift chairs, bath lifts, stair lifts, adjust beds, w/c bathroom aides</li> <li>- In-home service</li> <li>- New and used consignment rental parts (1-800-330-2772)</li> </ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Retail charges</li> </ul>

<b>P.G. Surg. Med Ltd.</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-2240 <i>Fax:</i> 564-2243    1749 Lyon Street., PG, BC, V2N 1V6
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supplier of wheelchairs, bath seats, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Retail charges</li> </ul>

<b>SunnyHill Health Centre for Children</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1 604 453-8300 3644 Slocan St., Vancouver BC., V5M 3E8
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Doctor's referral
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Seating clinic offered at the Child Development Centre, Prince George - Consultations at SunnyHill (seating, positioning, assistive technology) - Alternative and Augmentative Communication consults - Communication devices supplied if they do the assessment

<b>Supported Child Care</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-1147 Prince George
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Lend adaptive equipment, seats, rolls, etc., to community child care programs.

<b>Tetra Society</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-688-6464 Fax: 1-604-688-6463 Tetra Society of North America, Plaza of Nations, Suite 27 – 770 Pacific Blvd, South Vancouver BC., V6B 5E7 562-4070 Kori Heyland, Prince George
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Recruitment of skilled volunteer engineers and technicians to create assistive devices for people with disabilities. - Volunteers will custom design and build equipment not available commercially, for all ages
<b>Cost:</b>	- No charge except for the materials and cost of volunteer to travel to area.

<b>Western Institute of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 562-8001 Fax: 562-8003 website: <a href="http://www.widhh.com">www.widhh.com</a> P.O. Box 957 Prince George, BC V2L 4T7
<b>Description of services:</b>	- Main branch in Vancouver offers a loaner hearing aid program
<b>Cost:</b>	- Nominal

## Behaviour

### Gateway Behavioural Support Service

Contact Number: 561-1194 Fax: 561-1195 1023 LaSalle Ave, PG, V2L 4J6

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- Children from 0 to 19 years old
- Must be referred by the Ministry for Children and Families and have a diagnosis of a disorder from the Autism Spectrum.

#### Description of Services:

- Support for families of children with Autism.
- Assessment of family priorities provided
- Environmental, communication and functional behavioural assessments
- Individualized program design; consultation and hands-on demonstration, informal and formal training
- Dissemination of information; school liaison and information sharing; play skills group for children under 6, parents attend; social skills group for children over 6; workshops for care providers and parents.

#### Cost:

- Regular services are free, however consultants will contract privately to families who may not meet the eligibility criteria.

### Intersect Youth and Family Services Society

Contact Number: 562-6639 Fax 562-4692 1294 Third Avenue Prince George, BC

#### Description:

- Offers assessment and therapy services to children and youth experiencing significant impairment in some area of their life. Priority given to children and youth suffering from a mental health disorder or who at significant risk of harming themselves or others.

### Lifeskills Worker

Contact Number: 565-6890 Ministry for Children and Families

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- Child needs to have an assessment completed by a professional (doctor or psychologist) and have an I.Q. of 70 or less.
- The child must meet at least one of the following: mental disability, autism, assessed as eligible for the At-Home Program or Respite benefits.
- The parents need to request this service, it is not automatically put into place
- The family will be assigned to one of the Children and Family Social Workers.

#### Description of Services:

- The family will be assigned a limited number of hours per week in which a Lifeskills worker will take the child and help teach specific skills that have been identified as goals in the child's care plan. The worker may assist the child to learn social and life skills.

## Day Care

### Child Care Resource and Referral

Contact Number: 563-2483  
email: [www.childcarechoices.ca](http://www.childcarechoices.ca)

#### Description of Services:

- A referral service for families and a resource centre for care providers.
- Parents can phone and ask which day cares have space, their location, ages of children they have spaces for and whether they will care for children with challenges.
- Child Care Resource and Referral Centre has a list of all preschools, group and family day cares and out of school care programs registered with their program.
- Assisting parents with acquiring affordable child care
- Funded by the Ministry of Child Development

## Early Intervention

### Child Development Centre

Contact Number: 563-7168 Fax: 563-8039 1687 Strathcona Ave., PG, BC, V2L 4E7

#### Description of Services:

- Physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech language pathology
- Assessments and treatment for children with multiple challenges, from birth
- Services provided at home, in the community and at the Centre
- Waitlists for some services
- Integrated preschool and daycare
- Coordinated team approach, including paediatric clinics
- Specialized services such as assistive technology (adapted toys, children's software, seating clinic, equipment loan)
- Family resource library
- Anyone can refer

#### Cost:

- Costs apply for some services

### BC Family Hearing Resource Society

Contact Number: 1-877-584-2827 Fax: 1-604-584-2800 5220 - 92 Avenue, Surrey, B.C. V3R  
email: [info@bcfamilyhearing.com](mailto:info@bcfamilyhearing.com)  
web site: [www.bcfamilyhearing.com](http://www.bcfamilyhearing.com)

#### Description of Services:

- This lower mainland facility offers outreach consultations to families in Prince George who have hearing impaired children
- Will send pamphlet
- Families may attend the Elks Centre for 3 – 5 day intensive programs
- Parent support, training, home programming, networking

<b>Infant Development Program</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-6408 (AimHi organization)
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- For children birth to three years of age who are at risk for delays
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Parent support and general advice about child development - More information on page 20

<b>Aboriginal Infant Development</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-5941	<i>Fax:</i> 564-5946	138 George Street, PG B.C. V2L 1P9
<b>Eligibility Criteria:</b>	- All walks of life		
<b>Ages:</b>	- 0 – 5 years		
<b>Services:</b>	- Parenting programs, toy loan, library, parent support.		
<b>Charge:</b>	- None		

<b>Northern Interior Health Unit</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> speech 565-7370 hearing 565-7371
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Speech language pathology, primarily for children with communication problems - Waitlists for therapy - Hearing assessments (Audiology)

## Education

<b>Child Development Centre</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-7168 <i>Fax:</i> 563-8039 1687 Strathcona Ave., PG, BC, V2L 4E7
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Toddler program (18 months – 3 years); 3-5 years program. - Open to all children in this age bracket.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- This is a community based program; an integrated preschool and Day Care for Toddlers and three to five year olds.
<b>Cost:</b>	- Fees are similar to other community agencies

<b>Supported Child Care</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-1147
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Must meet Ministry criteria for special needs and be between the ages of birth to twelve
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Support workers for children with special needs who are enrolled in preschools or daycares - Consultations to preschool or daycare providers

## Financial Assistance

### Day Care/Preschool Subsidy

*Contact Number:* 614-6314, Westwood Office of Ministry for Social Development and Economic Security  
565-6890, Parkwood Office of Ministry for Children and Families

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- To qualify for Daycare subsidy payment, for a child without Special Needs, contact the Westwood office.
- To qualify for Daycare subsidy payment, for a child with Special Needs, contact the Parkwood office.
- Families need to be either working, going to school or have a protection file open.
- If you have a child with special needs, you may be eligible for additional family support. Families need to be receiving one or all of the following: B.C. Family Bonus, Income Assistance, or some day care subsidy. Contact the Parkwood office.

### Disability Credit

*Contact Number:* 1-800-959-8281 (Federal Tax)

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- Severe mental or physical disability – must be certified by a physician

#### Description of Services:

- Parent attaches a Form T2201 to their tax statement and they receive extra money on their Tax return.

### Special Needs Adoption Assistance

*Contact Number:* 614-2662 Bev Fowlie, Supervisor

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- The child has to be in continuing custody (and preparing for adoption) and designated as Special Needs.
- The adoptive parents have to be in need of the money and are income tested  
The adoptive parents must declare what they are spending on the child's needs, e.g. equipment
- There is a formula to come up with an amount for each family.

### Autism Funding

*Contact Number:* 561-1194 **Check out the website at [www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/autism/index.htm](http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/autism/index.htm) for an**

#### Interim Early Intensive Intervention information kit! for Children with Autism

#### Apply to:

- Local Ministry for Children and Families office

#### Service:

- Provincial government funding for 1 on 1 intervention by SLP, OT, PT behavioural consultants. Does not pay for respite or equipment. Families receive a monthly allowance which must be administered by a trust.

#### Eligibility:

- 6 years of age and under. Diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

## Friendship

<b>Big Brother/Big Sisters</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-7410
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- For single-parent families, for young children.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- For single-parent families, young children can be matched with appropriate Big Brother or Big Sister. The purpose of this relationship is to provide a role model in place of an absent parent. Child spends time with his/her "Big" in or out of home.

<b>Child Development Centre</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-7168 Fax: 563-80391687 Strathcona Ave., PG, BC, V2L 4E7
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Preschool for children 18 months to kindergarten - Daycare for children 18 months to Kindergarten
<b>Cost:</b>	- Similar to other community programs.

<b>Community Preschools and Daycares</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-2483 Child Care Resource and Referral Program
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- List of resources obtainable from Child Care Resource and Referral Program
<b>Cost:</b>	- Available from CCRRP.

## Guardianship

<b>Prince George Lifetime Networks Society</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 561-7300 web site <a href="http://www.planpg@ckpg.net">www.planpg@ckpg.net</a>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Registered, non-profit organization created by and for families who have a relative with a disability that helps families with Special Needs children, planning / advocacy / monitoring of services, wills, Community networking
<b>Cost:</b>	- Associate members, donations, costs depend on type of service required

<b>North Central Family Resources Ltd.</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-9064 385 Winnipeg St. Prince George, B.C.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Provides support and training services for Foster Parents including enhanced communication, Foster Care education program, crisis support, peer support, recruitment
<b>Eligibility:</b>	- Actively caring for a child as a foster parent

## Health

### **B.C. Children's Hospital Pediatrics Partnership Program**

*Contact Number:* 1-604-875-3160 Medical Administration, Florence Kane, Administrator,  
BC Children's Hospital, 4480 Oak St., Vancouver, BC, V6H 3V4

#### **Description of Services:**

- The Pediatric Partnership Program is a new liaison service between the community and B.C. Children's Hospital.
- Specific programs and clinics include:
  - Allergy Clinic: 604-875-2118
  - Cardiology: 604-875-2120
  - Cystic Fibrosis Clinic: 604-875-2146
  - Diabetes Clinic: 604-875-2868
  - Education Services: 604-875-2977
  - General Paediatric Clinic: 604-875-2130
  - Hearing Disorders Program: 604-875-2330
  - Infectious and Immunological Diseases: 604-875-2302
  - Meningomoloele (Spina Bifida) Program: 604-875-3145
  - Neurology Program (Muscle Diseases & Seizures): 604-875-2121
  - Occupational Therapy: 604-875-2122
  - Family Resource Library: 604-875-2345, ext. 7644
  - Respiratory Therapy: 604-875-2672
  - Spina Bifida Parents Support Group: 604-875-2345, ext. 7013 (see also Meningomoloele)
  - Audiology/Speech Pathology: 604-875-2112
  - Child Life Dept.: 604-875-2345, ext. 7687
  - Dental Services: 604-875-2114
  - Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic: 604-875-2113
  - Gastrointestinal Clinic: 604-875-2332
  - Haematology/Oncology Clinic: 604-875-2116
  - HIV Care Unit: 604-875-2302
  - Information Services: 604-875-2140
  - Neonatal Follow-Up Clinic: 604-875-2854
  - Nutrition Services: 875-2345, ext. 7628
  - Orthopaedic Clinic: 604-875-3187
  - Physiotherapy: 604-875-2123
  - Social Work Services: 604-875-2149
  - Visually Impaired Program: 604-875-2345, ext. 7183

### **Community Home Care Nurses**

*Contact Number:* 565-7322 Northern Interior Health Unit

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Must be within city limits

#### **Description of Services:**

- Provides in-home professional nursing care for people whose health makes it difficult to look after themselves.
- Available on a non-emergency basis, either five or seven days a week.
- Includes assessment and consultation, care coordination, and direct nursing care for clients requiring chronic, acute, palliative or rehabilitative support.

#### **Cost:**

- Clients are responsible for any required supplies and equipment.

**Physicians** *Contact Number:* To find physicians taking new clients, call 565-2000

**Public Health Nurse** *Contact Number:* 565-7478 Northern Interior Health Unit

**Description of Services:**

- Home visits to new parents and babies, providing education and support.
- Child health clinics – growth and developmental screening, immunization, parenting and safety education.
- Offers family/individual support and counselling on health issues.
- Provides health information and education
- At Home Program assessments for children with severe disabilities.
- In-school support (ie. facilitate integration of special needs children)

**Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children** *Contact Number:* 1-604-434-1311 Fax: 1-604-436-1743  
3644 Slocan St., Vancouver BC, V5M 3E8

**Description of Services:**

- Some of the programs and clinics provided at Sunny Hill Hospital For Children include:
  - Brain Injury Program
  - Long Term Care Program
  - Feeding Assessment Unit
  - Respite Care
  - Child Development Diagnostic Program
  - Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Program
  - Positioning Assessment Unit
  - Fetal Alcohol Clinic

**Travelling Physicians from BCCH** *Contact Number:* 565-7410

**Description of Services:**

- Cardiologist 3 times a year
- Endocrinologist 2 times a year
- Medical Genetics once per year
- Orthopedics once per year
- Cystic Fibrosis once per year

## Health Funding

**David Foster Foundation Society** *Contact Number:* 1-604-475-1223 Fax: 1-604-475-1193 3795 Carey Rd, Victoria BC V8Z 6T8

**Description of Services:**

- Help families of children needing organ transplants. Foundation provides funding for the non-medical expenses throughout the procedure, from initial assessments to post-operative check-ups (transportation, accommodation, Counselling).

**Extended Health Coverage** *Contact Number:* Through employer

**Medical Services Plan of B.C.**

*Contact Number:* 1-800-663-7100 – PO Box 9035, Station, Provincial Government, Victoria BC V8W 9E3  
1-800-661-2668 - Claims for the Travel Assistance Program

**Northern B.C. Friends of Children Society**

*Contact Number:* 565-2372 Fax: 565-2595  
#111 – 445 George St., Prince George, BC., V2L 5R9

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Families must live from Williams Lake and north
- Have a child under 18 years of age
- The child must have specific medical needs.

**Description of Services:**

- Helps with costs associated with medical treatment.

**Pharmacare**

*Contact Number:* 1-800-554-0250

**Description of Services:**

- Children eligible for benefits through the At Home Program receive a specially encoded care card which entitles them to obtain eligible prescribed drugs and certain medical supplies at no charge through the Pharmacare Program.

**Housing****BCHMC Subsidized Housing**

*Contact Number:* 1-604-433-2218 or 1-800-257-7766 BCHMC (Each project has their own contact person)

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Each project has specific criteria. Not specifically for people with disabilities

**Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (Disability Grant)**

*Contact Number:* 562-9106 BC Native Housing Corp. (1-800-639-3938 HMHC)

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Income tested – there is a maximum income
- You must own your own home
- Medical note from doctor to confirm the need for the renovation

**Description of Services:**

- Family calls BC Native Housing and completes a phone interview
- An inspector goes to the family home to inspect the House
- The grant is not more than 60% of the actual cost of renovation
- There is a waitlist for this program
- Family gets the money once the work is completed, not up front

**Property Tax Grant –  
Additional Grant/  
Home Owner Grant**

*Contact Number:* The Home Owner Grant Administration Office in Victoria  
OR City of Prince George Service Centre 561-7600  
web site [www.marh.gov.bc.ca/hog/](http://www.marh.gov.bc.ca/hog/)

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Severe disability – doctor has to fill out information on the Doctor's Certificate (get at City Hall)
- The eligibility criteria will be changing next year and at this time it is unknown what the changes will be

**Description of Services:**

- Check off the box on your regular home owner grant, this is for a deduction in property tax for people who need assistance from those outside of their home (i.e. homemakers) or family
- City Hall may give a reduction to those who have done major renovations (not just ramps, etc.) but the grant is not really for renovations
- The type of disability is considered; it has to be a permanent physical disability and require daily assistance.

## **Nutrition**

**At Home Program**

*Contact Number:* 565-7311 Northern Interior Health Unit

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Assessment by designated assessor, approval by Ministry for Children and Families Committee.

**Description of Services:**

- The At Home Program funds some nutritional supplements

**BCCH – SunnyHill Feeding Team**

*Contact Number:* 1-604-434-1331

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Access by doctor's referral

**Description of Services:**

- Assessment and recommendations

**Child Development Centre**

*Contact Number:* 563-7168 Therapy Dept.

**Description of Services:**

- Assessment and management of sucking, chewing, swallowing and self-feeding skills by Speech Language Pathologists and Occupational Therapists

**Dial-A-Dietician**

*Contact Number:* 1-800-667-3438

**Description of Services:**

- Toll Free Number above is open Monday to Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
- Nutrition information hotline

<b>Prince George Eating Disorder Clinic</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-7479 NIHU, 1444 Edmonton St., Prince George, BC., V2M 6W5
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Can be accessed directly by clients, regardless of age, as well as by health care providers, educators and other community resources.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Provision of information for individuals with eating disorders, their families, health care professionals and educators. - Assessment, consultation, treatment and follow-up for individuals with eating disorders. - Resource material and pamphlets

<b>Prince George Regional Hospital Dietitian</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-2000
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Access by a physician's referral
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Consultation

## Palliative Care

<b>Canuck Place Children's Hospice</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-731-4847 and 1-800-463-6455 1690 Matthews Ave., Vancouver BC., V6J 2T2
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Must be under 18 years old. - Must have progressive life limiting illness
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Anyone can refer; must have family's permission - Information on a child is presented to an interdisciplinary team. - Respite also provided for palliative or children with a life limiting illness.

<b>Sunshine Foundation Children's Wish Foundation</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 964-9474 Prince George Sub Chapter, PO Box 2645, PG, BC, V2N 4T5 Sunshine Foundation Canada 1-800-461-7935
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Must be under 18 years, have a medical release and have legal guardian consent.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Provides a once in a lifetime experience for kids suffering from high risk, life threatening illnesses. - Wishes include family reunion in distant location, trip, personal gift: computer, etc., chance to meet sports hero, etc.
<b>Cost:</b>	- Donations needed to run programs

## Play

### Prince George and District Skill Building Library

*Contact name and number:* Gillian Taylor 964-8479 or 564-6408 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Barton Building 500 Victoria St. Prince George, BC Can call to make an appointment.

#### Description of Services:

- Open to anyone who needs things to help with fine motor and social skills. Parenting resources available.

#### Cost:

- Free. Borrow items on a monthly basis.

## Recreation

### Child Development Centre

*Contact Number:* 563-7168 Fax: 563-8039 1687 Strathcona Ave., PG, BC, V2L 4E7

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a CDC client

#### Description of Services:

- Summer programs, e.g. playground group

### Gymnastics

*Contact Number:* 564-7353 PG Gymnastics Club

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- Available for children 3 to 5 years old

#### Cost:

- \$21 registration fee, \$12 equipment fee per year, \$55 per session once a week for 12 weeks.

### Parks, B.C.

*Contact Number:* Please access service through human resources

#### Description of Services:

- A Disabled Access Pass which entitles the family free use of camp grounds
- To access this service a person must be on social assistance.
- If a person is not on social assistance, they can access this service by contacting the local human resources office and by filling out a form. Once the form is completed, a doctor must certify that the child is permanently physically or mentally disabled.

### PG Therapeutic Riding Assoc.

*Contact Number:* 962-5082 Barb Warkentine

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- Special needs; disabilities of some sort
- Age 3 ½ and up

#### Description of Services:

- Horseback riding, runs April to mid-October

#### Cost:

- \$10 yearly fee; \$10 per session

**Red Cross Swim**

*Contact Number:* 561-7636 Four Seasons Pool

**Description of Services:**

- Special Needs Swim session, Sundays, 10:00 – 11:30 A.M.
- Lifeguards available to assist; no charge; immediate family included

**Respite – in home****At Home Program (MCF)**

*Contact Number:* 565-7311 Northern Interior Health Unit  
565-6890 Ministry for Children and Families

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Children must have physical disabilities AND be dependant in the areas of: eating, toileting, hygiene, dressing and mobility.
- for children and youth up to 18 years of age

**Description of Services:**

- The AHP has a respite benefit in which parents of eligible children receive funds on a monthly basis for the purpose of purchasing their own respite for their child.

**Home Support Workers**

*Contact Number:* 565-6890 Ministry for Children and Families

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Children must have special needs.

**Description of Services:**

- Home Support Workers, support families caring for children with special needs. There seems to be quite a bit of variation in different areas as to amount of funds available for these supports.

**Nursing Respite Program (NRP)**

*Contact Number:* 565-7311 Nursing Consultant for NRP at the Northern Interior Health Unit

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Children must have care needs that require the knowledge and skills of a nurse in the absence of the primary caregivers.

**Description of Services:**

- This program is intended to provide respite at the nursing level (RN or LPN) for those children with care needs that require the knowledge and skills of a nurse in the absence of the primary caregivers (usually the parents). Some examples are children who are: ventilator-dependent, tracheotomy-dependent, on peritoneal dialysis, on total parenteral nutrition, or who are at the end-stage of an illness in which their care needs require nursing judgement and intervention.
- In the eight years that NRP has been a provincial program, there have been approximately 150 referrals, of which almost 30% were eligible to receive the service.

**Respite – out of home****Children's Residence**

*Contact Number:* 563-2260

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- This facility is available for children up to the age of 19, who have mental, physical or sensory disabilities.

**Description of Services:**

- Respite is arranged on an overnight basis and children can stay for a week or two at a time. This is a heavily used service and families need to book ahead for space.

<b>Foster Care Program</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-6890 Ministry for Children and Families
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Referral must be made through a Social Worker, child must have a file open.</li> <li>- For children 0-18 years of age.</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There are homes available for strictly respite care.</li> </ul>

<b>Summer Programs sponsored by AIMHI</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-6408 (AimHi)
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children must have special needs.</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Summer programs</li> </ul>

<b>Camps</b>	
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There are a variety of camp experiences available for children with special care needs. Some of these include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Easter Seal Camps (Winfield, Squamish and Cowichan) for children with physical and/or mental disabilities;</li> <li>(2) Camp Good Times (Sunshine Coast) for children with cancer.</li> <li>(3) B.C. Lung Association Asthma Camp (Mission), (4) FAS Camp, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- These camps are often free or have financial assistance available for those families who cannot pay.</li> </ul>

<b>Canuck Place</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-731-4847 for a referral
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children age 0 – 12 years of age who are living with a progressive life-threatening illness.</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This is a paediatric hospice facility in Vancouver in which there are 7 respite beds available to children living with a progressive life-threatening illness.</li> <li>- Children can stay as long as two weeks at a time.</li> </ul>

<b>SunnyHill Health Centre for Children</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-434-1331 Social Worker
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children age 0 – 12 years old who have physical disabilities.</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This paediatric facility in Vancouver has been moving long term residents into other home-like settings. They do have a Respite Care Program in which children with physical disabilities can be booked for up to a week or two.</li> <li>- This is available for children from the whole province.</li> </ul>

## Services to Blind and Visually Impaired

### Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)

Contact Number: 563-1702

#### Description of Services:

- Orientation & Mobility – learning to travel independently using a white cane. This service is provided through SunnyHill Health Centre. Children are referred for (a) an assessment, (b) an individual program plan, and (c) instruction to achieve appropriate goals.
- Low Vision Assessments
- Rehabilitation Teaching
- A toy library – AimHi
- CNIB Library for the Blind email: [www.cnib.ca/library](http://www.cnib.ca/library) or phone 1-800-268-8818
- Spinoza Talking Bear Program – teddy bear with tape recorder built inside
- The Tech Centre – adaptive technology for computers
- The Access Shop – products for sale

### Brain Injury Association of B.C.

Contact: 1-(800)-510-3221 Fax: 1-(250)-380-0600  
1207 Quadra Street, Victoria B.C. V8W 2K6  
Website: [www.bcbia.org](http://www.bcbia.org)

## Sexuality

### Sexual Health Resource Network

Contact Number: 1-800-331-1533 or 1-604-435-8300  
SunnyHill Health Centre for Children, Sexual Health Resource Network, 3644 Slocan St.,  
Vancouver BC., V5M 3E8, Monday to Friday 9:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.  
Ext. 8335 general info.; Ext. 8217 Librarian; Ext. 8436 Health Educator;  
web site: [www.cw.bc.ca/Sunnyhill/Sexhealth](http://www.cw.bc.ca/Sunnyhill/Sexhealth)  
Fax: 1-604-431-7395

#### Description of Services:

- Offers a directory of service providers, training and education, resource information and library.

## Siblings

### Child Development Centre

Contact Number: 563-7168 Family Service Worker

#### Description of Services:

- Group for siblings of children with special needs sometimes offered during the summer.

#### Cost:

- No charge

<b>Gateway Behavioral Support Services (autism spectrum)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 561-1194
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Referrals are channelled via the Ministry for Children and Families
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Provides groups from time to time

<b>Rainbows</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 562-2817
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Peer support groups for children, adolescents and adults who are experiencing or have experienced a loss, such as death or divorce.

### **Support Groups for People and Families with Special Needs**

<b>Autism Society of British Columbia (Prince George)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 561-0881
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Support for families with a member who has autism and autistic-like tendencies - Includes Aspergers Syndrome - Support and information sharing groups

<b>Brain Injured Group</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-2447 (barb) Fax 564-6928 Executive Director: Alison Haygreen email: <a href="mailto:pgbig@northernbc.com">pgbig@northernbc.com</a> web site: <a href="http://www.pgbig.ca">www.pgbig.ca</a>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Case management, Needs assessments - Guest speakers; Socials; Drop-Ins - Discussion groups - Family Support Group (all ages, last Thursday of every month) - Speciality groups (Introductory groups and coping strategies). - See web site for specific information.

<b>Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-1702 Fax 563-1787
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Experiencing difficulty with vision loss
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Blindness counselling - Prevention and information - Social networking

<b>Child Development Centre</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-7168
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Open to the Community
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP for six years and under) - Developing Capable People offered from time to time - Addressing Challenging Behaviour (six week partnership program) - Mother Goose Program
<b>Cost:</b>	- Minimal

<b>Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder (CHADD)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-2206 Collette
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Information and support for parents

<b>Compassionate Friends</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-5583 (Annette) 964-4555 (Kym)
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Self-help group for parents who have experienced the death of a child - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7 PM at Bereavement Centre on Ferry Ave - Siblings and grandparents welcome

<b>Dyslexia Support Group</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-8011 fax 564-8055 email: <a href="mailto:ldc@paralynx.com">ldc@paralynx.com</a>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Support group for parents and tutors - Multisensory tutoring - Access to resource library (membership required)
<b>Cost:</b>	- \$25.00 (resource library membership)

<b>Canadian Down Syndrome Society (PG CONTACT)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 963-3862 Stacy Cabage-Sterling <i>Email:</i> <a href="mailto:s_cabage_sterling@hotmail.com">s_cabage_sterling@hotmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.cdss.ca">www.cdss.ca</a>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- The vision of the Canadian Down Syndrome Society is that people understand and respect the dignity, worth and equal rights of all people. People with Down syndrome are an important part of their community and are recognized as making a rich contribution to the growth and well being of society.

<b>Epilepsy Society of PG</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-5260 (Anne)
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Seizure disorders
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Provide support to individuals with epilepsy and their families - Regular meetings at PGRH (second Tuesday of every month @ 7:00 P.M.)

<b>Family Support Institute</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-800-441-5403 Vancouver 564-5681 Terry Robertson (parent volunteer) 964-7747 Nadine Nicholson (parent volunteer) 962-5082 Barb Warkentine (parent volunteer)
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Resource for parents - Offers workshops - Support or assistance with appointments
<b>Cost:</b>	- Membership cost is \$25 a year/ this can be waived in some circumstances

<b>Family Support Program</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-6408
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Referrals come through Community Living Services, Ministry for Children and Families – must have an open file.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Provides support to parents with mental disabilities - Provides support for families with a member who has a disability - Seminars - Support, Advocacy - Community and government resources

<b>Infant Development Program</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-6408
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Early Intervention Program - Birth to Three years - Children with developmental delays or are at risk for developmental delays - Children with a diagnosed Special Need - Referrals from parents, physicians, Public health, community members
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Home visiting program; Developmental information - Community resource library; Parent groups from time to time

<b>Infant Help Line</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-866-215-4700
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Open to anybody
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Advice on babies from Special Care Nursery - Information on breastfeeding - Suggestions and answers to questions

<b>Parents Helping Parents Support Group</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-5681 (Terry) 562-1769 (Lorraine) parents of children with disabilities
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Birth to adulthood
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Meetings once a month; Support groups - Advocacy work; Information sharing - Recreational activities; Networking
<b>Cost:</b>	- \$10.00 (to cover coffee and snacks)

<b>CHHA – The Canadian Hard of Hearing Association</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-552-2254 President Teresa Kazemir 1965 Rodger Avenue, Port Coquitlam B.C. V3C 1B8 <a href="http://www.chhaparents.bc.ca">www.chhaparents.bc.ca</a>
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<b>Northern BC Friends of Children Society</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-2217 Fax 564-2247
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Extraordinary medical needs
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Offer financial assistance; information and support - For children with medical needs up to age 19

<b>Prince George Deaf Children's Society</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-2425 fax 562-8003 email: <a href="mailto:pgdcs@telus.net">pgdcs@telus.net</a>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Support group for parents of hearing impaired children - Regular meetings (last Thursday of every month) - Social outings; Christmas Social - Web page - Deaf walk (during Deaf Awareness Week) - Information booth set up in Pine Centre for Deaf Awareness Week - Equipment sharing; Fundraising; Advocacy.

<b>Tourette Syndrome Support Group</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 562-4289
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Phone support</li> <li>- Resource library</li> <li>- Presentations for groups or organizations</li> <li>- Networking</li> <li>- Pamphlets</li> <li>- Information</li> <li>- Meetings held based on interest</li> </ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	- Can join the Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada (1-800-361-3120)

<b>Western Institute of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 562-8001 Fax: 562-8003 website: <a href="http://www.widhh.com">www.widhh.com</a> P.O. Box 957 Prince George, BC V2L 4T7
<b>Description of services:</b>	- Main branch in Vancouver offers a variety of services. Call local branch office for more information.
<b>Cost:</b>	- Depends on service needed

## Transport

<b>At Home Program (MCF)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-7311 Northern Interior Health Unit
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children must have physical disabilities AND be dependant in the areas of: eating, toileting, hygiene, dressing and mobility.</li> <li>- for children and youth up to 18 years of age</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reimburses travel costs incurred for a medical program that treats the disability which is funded by the At Home Program.</li> <li>- Pays directly for air travel to another location for child plus one attendant</li> <li>- Mileage reimbursed on a per kilometre basis</li> <li>- Apply for funding prior to travel</li> </ul>

<b>Carefree Bus Service</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 562-1394
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Must be special needs
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mondays to Fridays from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday one bus only 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.</li> <li>- Book one day in advance</li> </ul>

**Travel Assistance Program  
(Ministry of Health)**

*Contact Number:* 1-800-661-2668 Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Contact TAP before making travel arrangements to verify eligibility

**Description of Services:**

- Travel discounts to eligible B.C. residents who must travel for non-emergency medical services not available in their own community and whose travel expenses are not covered by third party insurance or other government programs.
- A caregiver may accompany the child; both are eligible for discounts. A physician must certify that a caregiver is required.
- Must be referred to the required medical service by a physician; obtain a TAP application form from the referring physician; that office/clinic will complete and sign it
- Eligible medical services for which travel is necessary are quite narrowly defined; dentistry, psychology, optometry, physiotherapy, etc. are not eligible

**RESOURCES/SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**  
**Prince George Area**  
**Age 13 to 18**

**Accommodation outside Prince George**

<b>Heather House Hostel</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-875-2298      4480 Oak Street Vancouver
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Accommodates people from outside Vancouver who are family or friends of patients being treated at B.C. Children's Hospital</li> <li>- 19 rooms available, including family rooms (3-4 family members), double rooms and single rooms</li> <li>- Wheelchair accessible</li> </ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reasonable Rates</li> </ul>

<b>Ronald McDonald House</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-736-2957    9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.    4116 Angus Drive Vancouver
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children undergoing treatment for serious illnesses and their immediate families can be accommodated temporarily</li> <li>- 20 minute walk to B.C. Children's Hospital</li> </ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very reasonably priced</li> </ul>

**Assistive Technology, Equipment and Supplies**

<b>At Home Program (MCF)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 612-4519    Northern Interior Health Unit
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children must have physical disabilities AND be dependant in the areas of: eating, toileting, hygiene, dressing and mobility.</li> <li>- For children and youth up to 18 years of age</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Referral through physiotherapy and occupational therapists or contact the Northern Interior Health Unit</li> <li>- Supplies equipment deemed to be medically necessary, including seating and mobility systems, bathing and toileting needs, special beds, car seats, lifting devices and rolls and wedges for use at home.</li> </ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Certain equipment is funded by the At Home Program, no cost to parent</li> <li>- Requires an application (available at the Health Unit or MCFD office) form signed by a physician; then 1 hour follow-up with child and family by a Public Health Nurse</li> <li>- More information on the website at <a href="http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/at_home/">www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/at_home/</a></li> </ul>

<b>Cariboo Orthopedic Services Ltd.</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 561-8799 1618 Ogilvie St., Prince George
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Custom bracing and support
<b>Cost:</b>	- Retail charges

<b>Child Development Centre</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-7168 Fax: 563-8039 1687 Strathcona Ave., PG, BC, V2L 4E7
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- For clients of Child Development Centre. - Items are loaned to non-clients based on availability of stocks.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Wedges, rolls, standers, wheelchairs are lent to children on the CDC caseload to use in school; mostly short-term loan. - Large items are for short-term loan (up to 3 months) - Seating clinic held twice yearly in partnership with SunnyHill Hospital. - Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy assessments. - Referrals by doctor, community agencies, parents and caregivers
<b>Cost:</b>	- Mostly no charge. Some very large items may require borrower to take out temporary insurance against fire and theft.

<b>GF Strong</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-734-1313
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Age 12 to 25 years, or attainment of adolescent developmental tasks, whichever comes first - For those with neurologically-based, physical needs - Access through doctor's referral
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Assessment, recommendations and ordering of seating systems, etc. - Assessment and trial of demonstration models of communication devices; no help with seeking funding for purchase of own devices.

<b>Hearing Aids</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-7371 Northern Interior Health Unit, Hearing Dept.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Hearing Testing and prescription of hearing aids. - NIHU will order the hearing aids on behalf of parents.
<b>Cost:</b>	- Hearing aids are sold at reduced cost via the B.C. Hearing Aid Program. - If parents are unable to afford the aids, NIHU staff will help them access charitable funding.

<b>Kinsmen Rehab Foundation (Vancouver)</b>	No longer has an equipment loan program
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<b>Medi-Chair Northern B.C.</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 562-8280 849 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave., Prince George, BC
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Power scooters, walkers, lift chairs, bath lifts, stair lifts, adjust beds, w/c bathroom aides</li> <li>- In-home service</li> <li>- New and used consignment rental parts (1-800-330-2772)</li> </ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Retail charges</li> </ul>

<b>P.G. Surg. Med Ltd.</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-2240 Fax: 564-2243 1749 Lyon Street., PG, BC, V2N 1T3
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supplier of wheelchairs, bath seats, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Retail charges</li> </ul>

<b>SET-BC</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 562-9650 PG Regional Centre and Special Education Technology
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Students must demonstrate a significant physical or visual disability which is a primary impediment to educational progress. The disability must be “low incidence” as defined by Ministry of Education. (Children with autism may be eligible).</li> <li>- Access via the schools, who then bring in SET-BC via the Area Support Team.</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Long-term loan of assistive technology to meet the educational needs of students (switches, adapted keyboards, computers, and communication devices). Technical Support Team modifies and repairs loan equipment.</li> <li>- Student must be registered in a B.C. Public School or Group 1 and 2 Independent School. Student must demonstrate a significant physical or visual disability, which is a primary impediment to educational progress.</li> </ul>

<b>SunnyHill Health Centre for Children</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1 604 453-8300 3644 Slocan St., Vancouver BC., V5M 3E8
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Doctor’s referral</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seating clinic offered at the Child Development Centre, Prince George</li> <li>- Consultations at SunnyHill (seating, positioning, assistive technology)</li> <li>- Alternative and Augmentative Communication consults</li> <li>- Communication devices supplied if they do the assessment</li> </ul>

<b>Telus</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-800-663-1264
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Any age, but user must be able to spell
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Supply adaptive communication devices, including big button telephones, amplifiers, ringers, voice carry over phones for the hearing impaired; various models of communication devices at reduced prices

<b>Tetra Society</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-688-6464 Fax: 1-604-688-6463 Tetra Society of North America, Plaza of Nations, Suite 27 – 770 Pacific Blvd, South Vancouver BC., V6B 5E7 562-4070 Kori Heyland, Prince George Simon Rose, <a href="mailto:sjrose@telus.net">sjrose@telus.net</a> , Prince George
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Recruitment of skilled volunteer engineers and technicians to create assistive devices for people with disabilities. - Volunteers will custom design and build equipment not available commercially, for all ages
<b>Cost:</b>	- No charge except for the materials and cost of volunteer to travel to area.

<b>Western Institute of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 562-8001 Fax: 562-8003 website: <a href="http://www.widhh.com">www.widhh.com</a> P.O. Box 957 Prince George, BC V2L 4T7
<b>Description of services:</b>	- Main branch in Vancouver offers a loaner hearing aid program
<b>Cost:</b>	- Nominal

## Behaviour

<b>Gateway Behavioural Support Service</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 561-1194 Fax: 561-1195 1023 LaSalle Ave, PG, V2L 4J6
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Children from 0 to 19 years old - Must be referred by the Ministry for Children and Families and have a diagnosis of a disorder from the Autism Spectrum.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Support for families of children with Autism. - Assessment of family priorities provided - Environmental, communication and functional behavioural assessments - Individualized program design; consultation and hands-on demonstration, informal and formal training - Dissemination of information; school liaison and information sharing; play skills group for children under 6, parents attend; social skills group for children over 6; workshops for care providers and parents.
<b>Cost:</b>	- Regular services are free, however consultants will contract privately to families who may not meet the eligibility criteria.

**Intersect  
Youth and Family Services  
Society**

*Contact Number:* 562-6639 Fax 562-4692  
1294 Third Avenue Prince George, BC

**Description:**

- Offers assessment and therapy services to children and youth experiencing significant impairment in some area of their life. Priority given to children and youth suffering from a mental health disorder or who at significant risk of harming themselves or others.

**Lifeskills Worker**

*Contact Number:* 565-6890, Ministry for Children and Families

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Child needs to have an assessment completed by a professional (doctor or psychologist) and have an I.Q. of 70 or less.
- The child must meet at least one of the following: mental disability, autism, assessed as eligible for the At-Home Program or Respite benefits.
- The parents need to request this service, it is not automatically put into place
- The family will be assigned to one of the Children and Family Social Workers.

**Description of Services:**

- The family will be assigned a limited number of hours per week in which a Lifeskills worker will take the child and help teach specific skills that have been identified as goals in the child's care plan. The worker may assist the child to learn social and life skills.

**Financial Assistance**

**Disability Credit**

*Contact Number:* 1-800-959-8281 (Federal Tax)

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Severe mental or physical disability – must be certified by a physician

**Description of Services:**

- Parent attaches a Form T2201 to their tax statement and they receive extra money on their Tax return.

**Special Needs Adoption Assistance**

*Contact Number:* 614-2662 Bev Fowlie, Supervisor

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- The child has to be in continuing custody (and preparing for adoption) and designated as Special Needs.
- The adoptive parents have to be in need of the money and are income tested
- The adoptive parents must declare what they are spending on the child's needs, i.e. equipment
- There is a formula to come up with an amount for each family.

## Friendship

<b>Big Brothers/Big Sisters</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-7410 <i>Web site:</i> <a href="mailto:bigbro@mag-net.com">bigbro@mag-net.com</a>
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- For single-parent families, for young children age 7-14 years.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- For single-parent families, young children can be matched up with appropriate Big Brother or Big Sister. The purpose of this relationship is to provide a role model in place of an absent parent. - Child spends time with his/her "Big" in or out of home.

<b>Community Special Needs Recreation Club</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 614-1785
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Available for teens and adults
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Boccia, modified floor hockey, karioke, card Bingo, movies, theme days, snacks – held at the Royal Canadian Legion
<b>Cost:</b>	- Minimal fees

## Guardianship

<b>North Central Family Resources Ltd.</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-9064 385 Winnipeg St. Prince George, B.C.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Provides support and training services for Foster Parents including enhanced communication, Foster Care education program, crisis support, peer support, recruitment
<b>Eligibility</b>	- Actively caring for a child as a foster parent

## Health

### **B.C. Children's Hospital Pediatrics Partnership Program**

*Contact Number:* 1-604-875-3160 Medical Administration, Florence Kane, Administrator,  
BC Children's Hospital, 4480 Oak St., Vancouver, BC, V6H 3V4

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Birth to age 16

#### **Description of Services:**

- The Pediatric Partnership Program is a new liaison service between the community and B.C. Children's Hospital.
- Specific programs and clinics include:
  - Allergy Clinic: 604-875-2118
  - Cardiology: 604-875-2120
  - Cystic Fibrosis Clinic: 604-875-2146
  - Diabetes Clinic: 604-875-2868
  - Education Services: 604-875-2977
  - General Paediatric Clinic: 604-875-2130
  - Hearing Disorders Program: 604-875-2330
  - Infectious and Immunological Diseases: 604-875-2302
  - Meningomoloele (Spina Bifida) Program: 604-875-3145
  - Neurology Program (Muscle Diseases & Seizures): 604-875-2121
  - Occupational Therapy: 604-875-2122
  - Family Resource Library: 604-875-2345, ext. 7644
  - Respiratory Therapy: 604-875-2672
  - Spina Bifida Parents Support Group: 604-875-2345, ext. 7013 (see also Meningomoloele)
  - Audiology/Speech Pathology: 604-875-2112
  - Child Life Dept.: 604-875-2345, ext. 7687
  - Dental Services: 604-875-2114
  - Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic: 604-875-2113
  - Gastrointestinal Clinic: 604-875-2332
  - Haematology/Oncology Clinic: 604-875-2116
  - HIV Care Unit: 604-875-2302
  - Information Services: 604-875-2140
  - Neonatal Follow-Up Clinic: 604-875-2854
  - Nutrition Services: 875-2345, ext. 7628
  - Orthopaedic Clinic: 604-875-3187
  - Physiotherapy: 604-875-2123
  - Social Work Services: 604-875-2149
  - Visually Impaired Program: 604-875-2345, ext. 7183

<b>Community Home Care Nurses</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-7322 Northern Interior Health Unit
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Must be within city limits
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Provides in-home professional nursing care for people whose health makes it difficult to look after themselves. - Available on a non-emergency basis, either five or seven days a week. - Includes assessment and consultation, care coordination, and direct nursing care for clients requiring chronic, acute, palliative or rehabilitative support.
<b>Cost:</b>	- Clients are responsible for any required supplies and equipment.

<b>Physicians</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> To find physicians taking new clients, call 565-2000
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<b>Public Health Nurse</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-7311 Northern Interior Health Unit
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Home visits to new parents and babies, providing education and support. - Child health clinics – growth and developmental screening, immunization, parenting and safety education. - Offers family/individual support and counselling on health issues. - Provides health information and education - At Home Program assessments for children with severe disabilities. - In-school support (ie. facilitate integration of special needs children)

<b>Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-434-1311 Fax: 1-604-436-1743 3644 Slocan St., Vancouver BC, V5M 3E8
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- birth to age 19
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Some of the programs and clinics provided at Sunny Hill Hospital For Children include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;">- Brain Injury Program</li> <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;">- Child Development Diagnostic Program</li> <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;">- Long Term Care Program</li> <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;">- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Program</li> <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;">- Feeding Assessment Unit</li> <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;">- Positioning Assessment Unit</li> <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;">- Respite Care</li> <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;">- Fetal Alcohol Clinic</li> </ul>

<b>Travelling Physicians from BCCH:</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-7410
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Cardiologist 3 times a year - Endocrinologist 2 times a year - Medical Genetics once per year - Orthopedics once per year - Cystic Fibrosis once per year

## Health Funding

<b>David Foster Foundation Society</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-475-1223 Fax: 1-604-475-1193 3795 Carey Rd, Victoria BC V8Z 6T8
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Help families of children needing organ transplants. Foundation provides funding for the non-medical expenses throughout the procedure, from initial assessments to post-operative check-ups (transportation, accommodation, Counselling).

<b>Extended Health Coverage</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> Through employer
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<b>Medical Services Plan of B.C.</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-800-663-7100 – PO Box 9035, Station, Provincial Government, Victoria BC V8W 9E3 1-800-661-2668 - Claims for the Travel Assistance Program
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<b>Northern B.C. Friends of Children Society</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-2217 Fax: 564-2247 1600 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue., Prince George, BC., V2L 5R9
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Families must live from Williams Lake and north - Have a child under 18 years of age - The child must have specific medical needs.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Helps with costs associated with medical treatment.

<b>Pharmacare</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-800-554-0250
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Children eligible for benefits through the At Home Program receive a specially encoded care card which entitles them to obtain eligible prescribed drugs and certain medical supplies at no charge through the Pharmacare Program.

## Housing

<b>BCHMC Subsidized Housing</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-433-2218 or 1-800-257-7766 BCHMC (Each project has their own contact person)
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Each project has specific criteria. Not specifically for people with disabilities

<b>Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (Disability Grant)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 562-9106 BC Native Housing Corp. (1-800-639-3938 HMHC)
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Income tested – there is a maximum income</li> <li>- You must own your own home</li> <li>- Medical note from doctor to confirm the need for the renovation</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Family calls BC Native Housing and completes a phone interview</li> <li>- An inspector goes to the family home to inspect the House</li> <li>- The grant is not more than 60% of the actual cost of renovation</li> <li>- There is a waitlist for this program</li> <li>- Family gets the money once the work is completed, not up front</li> </ul>

<b><u>Property Tax Grant – Additional Grant/ Home Owner Grant</u></b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> The Home Owner Grant Administration Office in Victoria OR City of Prince George Service Centre 561-7600 web site <a href="http://www.marh.gov.bc.ca/hog">www.marh.gov.bc.ca/hog</a>
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Severe disability – doctor has to fill out information on the Doctor's Certificate (get at City Hall)</li> <li>- The eligibility criteria will be changing next year and at this time it is unknown what the changes will be</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Check off the box on your regular home owner grant, this is for a deduction in property tax for people who need assistance from those outside of their home (i.e. homemakers) or family</li> <li>- City Hall may give a reduction to those who have done major renovations (not just ramps, etc.) but the grant is not really for renovations</li> <li>- The type of disability is considered; it has to be a permanent physical disability and require daily assistance.</li> </ul>

## Nutrition

<b>BCCH – SunnyHill Feeding Team</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-434-1331
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Access by doctor's referral</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment and recommendations</li> </ul>

<b>Dial-A-Dietician</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-800-667-3438
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Toll Free Number above is open Monday to Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.</li> <li>- Nutrition information hotline</li> </ul>

<b>Intersect Youth and Family Services Society</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 562-6639
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Open referral system
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Counselling for children with eating disorders

<b>Mental Health Services, Northern Interior Health Unit</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-4300 Ministry for Children and Families
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Individuals with a developmental disability - 14 years old or older
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Comprehensive assessment including: psychiatric, psychological, psychosocial and behavioural. - Intervention Planning including: medication, behavioural strategies, psycho-educational intervention, augmentative communication and assistance with referral to professional support resources. - Treatment monitoring and evaluation. - Caregiver training, community education

<b>Prince George Eating Disorder Clinic</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-7479 NIHU, 1444 Edmonton St., Prince George, BC., V2M 6W5
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Can be accessed directly by clients, regardless of age, as well as by health care providers, educators and other community resources.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Provision of information for individuals with eating disorders, their families, health care professionals and educators. - Assessment, consultation, treatment and follow-up for individuals with eating disorders. - Resource material and pamphlets

<b>Prince George Regional Hospital Dietitian</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-2000
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Access by a physician's referral
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Consultation

<b>School District #57</b>	Access through Area Support Teams, School District #57
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Occupational Therapists do feeding consultations

## Palliative Care

<b>Canuck Place Children's Hospice</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-731-4847 and 1-800-463-6455 1690 Matthews Ave., Vancouver BC., V6J 2T2
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Must be under 18 years old.</li><li>- Must have progressive life limiting illness</li></ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Anyone can refer; must have family's permission</li><li>- Information on a child is presented to an interdisciplinary team.</li><li>- Respite also provided for palliative or children with a life limiting illness.</li></ul>

<b>PG Hospice Society</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-2551 Fax: 563-2485 3089 Clapperton St., PG, BC, V2L 5N4
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- For Children 16 years to adults</li><li>- Self or health care referral</li></ul>

<b>Sunshine Foundation Children's Wish Foundation</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 964-9474 Prince George Sub Chapter, PO Box 2645, PG, BC, V2N 4T5 Sunshine Foundation Canada 1-800-461-7935
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Must be under 18 years, have a medical release and have legal guardian consent.</li></ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Provides a once in a lifetime experience for kids suffering from high risk, life threatening illnesses.</li><li>- Wishes include family reunion in distant location, trip, personal gift: computer, etc., meet sports hero, etc.</li></ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Donations needed to run programs</li></ul>

## Recreation

<b>CP Sports</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> Judy Dix 561-7609 (work) 563-6749 (home)
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Children with physical disabilities</li></ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Boccia; Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30; at Quinson Elementary School; \$15; Terry Foulds 964-8267</li><li>- Cycling; Spring to Fall; Multiplex parking lot; \$10; 562-9078</li><li>- Horseback Riding; April to September; fees charged, however advises on funding sources; Barb Warkentine 962-5082</li><li>- Swimming; Thursday 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.; Four Seasons Pool; \$40;</li><li>- Track and Field; Saturday; Spring to Fall; Massey Place Stadium; PG Track and Field Club fees apply</li></ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Registration Fee: \$5 for children aged 5 to 16 years; \$15 for over 16 years</li></ul>

<b>Challenger Baseball</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 964-9289 Jenny Jones
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- For children 5 to 18 years old with a disability
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Everyone welcome, buddy system available - Uniforms and equipment provided
<b>Cost:</b>	- \$30; runs April to June

<b>Child Development Centre</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-7168 Fax: 563-8039 1687 Strathcona Ave., PG, BC, V2L 4E7
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Must be a CDC client
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Summer programs, e.g. playground group, dance group

<b>Community Special Needs Recreation Club</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 614-1785
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Wednesdays, 1:00 – 3:00 P.M. at the Royal Canadian Legion - Boccia, modified floor hockey, card Bingo, Karioke, movies, snacks, theme days
<b>Cost:</b>	- \$10.00 per year and minimal fees for lunches

<b>Disabled Skiing</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-6293 Joan Lasure
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Any disability
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Reduced ticket price at local ski hills
<b>Cost:</b>	- Membership fee of \$25 for skier, \$20 for volunteer companion

<b>Karate</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 964-2198 Peter Makowichuk
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 P.M. at the Knights of Columbus Centre
<b>Cost:</b>	- Free

<b>Parks, B.C.</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> Please access through human resources office.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Disabled Access Pass entitles the family to free use of camp grounds</li> <li>- A form (available from the BC Parks office in Prince George) must be filled out and a doctor must certify that the child/adult is permanently physically or mentally disabled.</li> </ul>

<b>PG Therapeutic Riding Assoc.</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 962-5082 Barb Warkentine
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Special needs; disabilities of some sort</li> <li>- Age 3 ½ and up</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Horseback riding; runs April to mid-October
<b>Cost:</b>	- \$10 yearly fee; \$10 per session

<b>Red Cross Swim</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 561-7636 Four Seasons Pool
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Special Needs Swim session, Sundays, 10:00 – 11:30 A.M.</li> <li>- Lifeguards available to assist; no charge; immediate family included</li> </ul>

**Special Olympics**

*Contact Number:* 563-4190 Ivy Whitfield  
Main Registration – Pine Centre Mall September Recreation Mart

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Children with mental handicaps

**Description of Services:**

- **September to April**
- 5 Pin Bowling; Monday 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.; 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bowling
- 10 Pin Bowling; Saturday 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; Strike Zone
- Swimming; Monday and Wednesday 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Four Seasons Pool
- Power Lifting; Tuesday 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.; Family Y
- Rhythmic Gymnastics; Level I Tuesday 3:40 to 4:40; Level II and III Thursday 6:30 to 8:30; Level IV Monday 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.; Kinsman Hall
- Curling; PG Curling Club
- Speed Skating; with the Blizzard Skating Club
- Snow Shoeing; no equipment needed
- Cross Country Skiing; need own equipment
- Alpine Skiing; need own equipment
  
- **May to June**
- Track and Field
- T-Ball
- Softball

**Cost:**

- \$20 covers all sports and three yearly socials

**Wheelchair Basketball**

*Contact Number:* 563-6942 *Contact:* Pat Harris

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Available for 12 years of age and up

## Respite – in home

<b>At Home Program (MCF)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-7311 Northern Interior Health Unit 565-6890 Ministry for Children and Families
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Children must have physical disabilities AND be dependant in the areas of: eating, toileting, hygiene, dressing and mobility.</li><li>- for children and youth up to 18 years of age</li></ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The AHP has a respite benefit in which parents of eligible children receive funds on a monthly basis for the purpose of purchasing their own respite for their child.</li></ul>

<b>Home Support Workers</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-6890 Ministry for Children and Families
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Children must have special needs.</li></ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Home Support Workers, support families caring for children with special needs. There seems to be quite a bit of variation in different areas as to amount of funds available for these supports.</li></ul>

<b>Nursing Respite Program (NRP)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-7311 Nursing Consultant for NRP at the Northern Interior Health Unit
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Children must have care needs that require the knowledge and skills of a nurse in the absence of the primary caregivers.</li></ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- This program is intended to provide respite at the nursing level (RN or LPN) for those children with care needs that require the knowledge and skills of a nurse in the absence of the primary caregivers (usually the parents). Some examples are children who are: ventilator-dependent, tracheostomy-dependent, on peritoneal dialysis, on total parenteral nutrition, or who are at the end-stage of an illness in which their care needs require nursing judgement and intervention.</li><li>- In the eight years that NRP has been a provincial program, there have been approximately 150 referrals, of which almost 30% were eligible to receive the service.</li></ul>

## Respite – out of home

<b>Children's Residence/ Green Place</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-2260
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- This facility is available for children up to the age of 19, who have mental, physical or sensory disabilities.</li></ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Respite is arranged on an overnight basis and children can stay for a week or two at a time. This is a heavily used service and families need to book ahead for space.</li></ul>

<b>Foster Care Program</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-6890, Ministry for Children and Families
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Referral must be made through a Social Worker, child must have a file open.</li> <li>- For children 0-18 years of age.</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There are homes available for strictly respite care.</li> </ul>

<b>Summer Programs sponsored by AIMHI</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-6408 (AimHi)
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children must have special needs.</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Summer programs for children with special needs based on Grant application and its acceptance.</li> </ul>

## Respite – Available Outside of Local Area

<b>Camps</b>	
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There are a variety of camp experiences available for children with special care needs. Some of these include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Easter Seal Camps (Winfield, Squamish and Cowichan) for children with physical and/or mental disabilities;</li> <li>(2) Camp Good Times (Sunshine Coast) for children with cancer;</li> <li>(3) B.C. Lung Association Asthma Camp (Mission), (4) FAS Camp, etc.</li> <li>(4) A 10 day “Teen Independence Camp” is available for adolescents with physical disabilities and is held in the summer at Camp Alexandra in Crescent Beach (Surrey). This is operated by G.F. Strong Rehab. Centre. For further information, phone 604-734-1313 (Vancouver).</li> </ul> </li> <li>- These camps are often free or have financial assistance available for those families who cannot pay.</li> </ul>

## Services to Blind and Visually Impaired

<b>Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-1702 <i>Fax:</i> 563-1787
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Orientation and Mobility – learning to travel independently using a white cane. This service is provided through contracts between CNIB and school districts which may not have staff with expertise in Orientation and Mobility.</li> <li>- Low Vision Assessments</li> <li>- Braille taught if not taught in school</li> <li>- A toy library – AimHi; Newsletter monthly - Kidsworthy</li> <li>- CNIB Library for the Blind email: <a href="http://www.cnib.ca/library">www.cnib.ca/library</a> or phone 1-800-268-8818</li> <li>- Spinoza Talking Bear Program – teddy bear with tape recorder built inside</li> <li>- Summer Reading Program, Braille Writing contest,</li> <li>- Teaching life skills, Descriptive Video Service, Wayne Gretzky Children’s Collection - books</li> <li>- The Tech Centre – adaptive technology for computers</li> <li>- The Access Shop – products for sale</li> </ul>

## Sexuality

<b>GF Strong Centre (BC Rehab)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-737-6233 Fax: 1-604-737-6359 4255 Laurel St., Vancouver BC, V5Z 2G9
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- A physician's referral is required.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Able to see any adolescent with a physical disability who has concerns related to sexual health. - Some of the services include: counselling, education - Health care staff can attend educational workshops and obtain education materials.

<b>Sexual Health Resource Network</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-800-331-1533 or 1-604-435-8300 SunnyHill Health Centre for Children, Sexual Health Resource Network, 3644 Slocan St., Vancouver BC., V5M 3E8, Monday to Friday 9:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. Ext. 8335 general info.; Ext. 8217 Librarian; Ext. 8436 Health Educator; web site: <a href="http://www.cw.bc.ca/Sunnyhill/Sexhealth">www.cw.bc.ca/Sunnyhill/Sexhealth</a> Fax: 1-604-431-7395
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Offers a directory of service providers, training and education, resource information and library.

## Siblings

<b>Hospice Society</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-2551
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Support program for children and teens re: grieving

<b>Rainbows</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 562-2817
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Peer support groups for children, adolescents and adults who are experiencing or have experienced a loss, such as death or divorce.

## Support Groups for People and Families with Special Needs

<b>Autism Society of British Columbia (Prince George)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 561-0881
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Support for families with a member who has autism and autistic-like tendencies - Includes Aspergers Syndrome - Support and information sharing groups

<b>Brain Injured Group</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-2447 (Barb) Fax: 564-6928 Executive Director: Alison Haygreen Email: <a href="mailto:pgbig@northernbc.com">pgbig@northernbc.com</a> web site: <a href="http://www.pgbig.ca">www.pgbig.ca</a>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Case Management, Needs Assessments</li> <li>- Discussion groups</li> <li>- Guest speakers</li> <li>- Socials; Drop-Ins; Youth Group (10 to 18 years)</li> <li>- Family Support Group (all ages, last Thursday of every month)</li> <li>- Speciality groups (Introductory groups and coping strategies)</li> <li>- See web site for specific information.</li> </ul>

<b>Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-1702 Fax: 563-1787
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Experiencing difficulty with vision loss</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Blindness counselling</li> <li>- Prevention and information</li> <li>- Social networking</li> </ul>

<b>Child Development Centre</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-7168
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Open to the Community</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Developing Capable People offered from time to time</li> <li>- Addressing Challenging Behaviour (six week partnership program)</li> </ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimal</li> </ul>

<b>Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder (CHADD)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-2206 Collete
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Information and support for parents</li> </ul>

<b>Compassionate Friends</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-5583 (Annette) 964-4555 (Kym)
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Self-help group for parents who have experienced the death of a child</li> <li>- Siblings and grandparents welcome</li> <li>- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7pm at Bereavement Centre on Ferry Ave.</li> </ul>

**Canadian Down Syndrome Society** Contact Number: 963-3862 Stacy Cabage-Sterling Email: s\_cabage\_sterling@hotmail.com

**(PG CONTACT)**

[www.cdss.ca](http://www.cdss.ca)

**Description of**

- The vision of the Canadian Down Syndrome Society is that people understand and respect the dignity, worth and equal rights of all people. People with Down syndrome are an important part of their community and are recognized as making a rich contribution to the growth and well being of society.

**Dyslexia Support Group**

Contact Number: 564-8011 Fax: 564-8055  
Email: [ldc@paralynx.com](mailto:ldc@paralynx.com)

**Description of Services:**

- Support group for parents and tutors
- Multisensory tutoring
- Access to resource library (membership required)

**Cost:**

- \$25.00 (resource library membership)

**Epilepsy Society of PG**

Contact Number: 564-5260 (Anne)

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Seizure disorders

**Description of Services:**

- Provide support to individuals with epilepsy and their families
- Regular meetings at PGRH (second Tuesday of every month @ 7:00 P.M.)

**Family Support Institute**

Contact Number: 1-800-441-5403 Vancouver  
564-5681 Terry Robertson (parent volunteer)  
964-7747 Nadine Nicholson (parent volunteer)  
962-5082 Barb Warkentine (parent volunteer)

**Description of Services:**

- Resource for parents
- Offers workshops
- Support or assistance with appointments

**Cost:**

- Membership cost is \$25 a year/ this can be waived in some circumstances

<b>Family Support Program</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-6408
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Referrals come through Community Living Services, Ministry for Children and Families – must have an open file.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Provides support to parents with mental disabilities - Provides support for families with a member who has a disability - Seminars - Support - Advocacy - Community and government resources

<b>Parents Helping Parents Support Group</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-5681 (Terry) 562-1769 (Lorraine) parents of children with disabilities
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Birth to adulthood - Meetings once a month - Support groups - Advocacy work - Information sharing - Recreational activities - Networking
<b>Cost:</b>	- \$10.00 (to cover coffee and snacks)

<b>Prince George Deaf Children's Society</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-2425 Fax: 562-8003 <i>Email:</i> <a href="mailto:pgdcs@telus.net">pgdcs@telus.net</a>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Support group for parents of hearing impaired children - Regular meetings (last Thursday of every month) - Social outings - Web page - Deaf walk (during Deaf Awareness Week) - Information booth set up in Pine Centre for Deaf Awareness Week - Christmas Social - Equipment sharing - Fundraising - Advocacy.

<b>Tourette Syndrome Support Group</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 562-4289
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Phone support</li> <li>- Resource library</li> <li>- Presentations for groups or organizations</li> <li>- Networking</li> <li>- Pamphlets</li> <li>- Information</li> <li>- Meetings held based on interest</li> </ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	- Can join the Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada (1-800-361-3120)

<b>Western Institute of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 562-8001 Fax: 562-8003 website: <a href="http://www.widhh.com">www.widhh.com</a> P.O. Box 957 Prince George, BC V2L 4T7
<b>Description of services:</b>	- Main branch in Vancouver offers a variety of services. Call local branch office for more information.
<b>Cost:</b>	- Depends on service needed

## Therapy Services

<b>Child Development Centre</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-7168 Fax: 563-8039 1687 Strathcona Ave., PG, BC, V2L 4E7
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Open referral system</li> <li>- Physiotherapy consultation</li> <li>- Occupational therapy consultation in conjunction with School District #57 Occupational Therapist</li> </ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	- Fees are similar to community agencies

<b>Northern Interior Health Unit</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-7371
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Hearing assessments (Audiology)

<b>School District #57</b>	Access through Area Support Teams, School District #57 or classroom teacher
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Occupational Therapists consult</li> <li>- Speech Language Pathologist consult</li> <li>- Psychologist consult</li> </ul>

## Transport

<b>At Home Program (MCF)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-7311 Northern Interior Health Unit
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Children must have physical disabilities AND be dependant in the areas of: eating, toileting, hygiene, dressing and mobility.</li><li>- For children and youth up to 18 years of age</li></ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Reimburses travel costs incurred for a medical program that treats the disability which is funded by the At Home Program.</li><li>- Pays directly for air travel to another location for child plus one attendant</li><li>- Mileage reimbursed on a per kilometre basis</li><li>- Apply for funding prior to travel</li></ul>

<b>Carefree Bus Service</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 562-1394
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Must be special needs</li></ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mondays to Fridays from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday one bus only 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.</li><li>- Book one day in advance</li></ul>

<b>SPARC BC-Parking Permits</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-718-7744 <a href="http://www.sparc.bc.ca/parkingpermit/permit_faq.html">www.sparc.bc.ca/parkingpermit/permit_faq.html</a> #201-221 East 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Vancouver
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The Parking Permit Program, operated by the Social Planning and Research Council of BC, issues parking permits to enable people with disabilities to legally park in designated zones throughout BC. Requires a completed application with information from a physician.</li></ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- \$15.00</li></ul>

<b>Travel Assistance Program (Ministry of Health)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-800-661-2668 Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Contact TAP before making travel arrangements to verify eligibility</li></ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Travel discounts to eligible B.C. residents who must travel for non-emergency medical services not available in their own community and whose travel expenses are not covered by third party insurance or other government programs.</li><li>- A caregiver may accompany the child; both are eligible for discounts. A physician must certify that a caregiver is required.</li><li>- Must be referred to the required medical service by a physician; obtain a TAP application form from the referring physician; that office/clinic will complete and sign it</li><li>- Eligible medical services for which travel is necessary are quite narrowly defined; dentistry, psychology, optometry, physiotherapy, etc. are not eligible</li></ul>

**RESOURCES/SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**  
**Prince George Area**  
**Age 6 to 12**

**Accommodation outside Prince George**

**Heather House Hostel**                      *Contact Number:* 1-604-875-2298                      4480 Oak Street Vancouver

**Description of Services:**

- Accommodates out of area family or friends of patients being treated at B.C. Children's Hospital
- 19 rooms available, including family rooms (3-4 family members), double rooms and single rooms
- Wheelchair accessible

**Cost:**

- Reasonable Rates

**Ronald McDonald House**                      *Contact Number:* 1-604-736-2957                      9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 4116 Angus Drive Vancouver

**Description of Services:**

- Children undergoing treatment for serious illnesses and their immediate families can be accommodated temporarily
- 20 minute walk to B.C. Children's Hospital

**Cost:**

- Very reasonably priced

**After School Care**

**Child Care Resource and Referral**                      *Contact Number:* 563-2483

**Description of Services:**

- A referral service for families and a resource centre for care providers.
- Parents can phone and ask which centres have space, their location, ages of children they have spaces for and whether they will care for children with challenges.
- Child Care Resource and Referral Centre has a list of all preschools, group and family day cares and out of school care programs registered with them.

**Supported Child Care**                      *Contact Number:* 563-1147

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Must meet Ministry criteria for special needs and be below twelve years of age.

**Description of Services:**

- Support workers for children with special needs who are enrolled in afterschool care.
- Consultations to caregivers.
- A government funded program.
- Support to the child and program may include part time staff, consulting, lending of toys or resources
- Training, team meetings and individual written plans for the child.

## Assistive Technology, Equipment and Supplies

<b>At Home Program (MCF)</b>	<i>Contact Number: 612-4519</i> Northern Interior Health Unit
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Children must have physical disabilities AND be dependant in the areas of: eating, toileting, hygiene, dressing and mobility.</li><li>- For children and youth up to 18 years of age</li></ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Referral through physiotherapy and occupational therapists or contact the Northern Interior Health Unit</li><li>- Supplies equipment deemed to be medically necessary, including seating and mobility systems, bathing and toileting needs, special beds, car seats, lifting devices and rolls and wedges for use at home.</li></ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Certain equipment is funded by the At Home Program, no cost to parent</li><li>- Requires an application (available at the Health Unit or MCFD office) form signed by a physician; then 1 hour follow-up with child and family by a Public Health Nurse</li><li>- More information on the website at <a href="http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/at_home/">www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/at_home/</a></li></ul>

<b>Cariboo Orthopedic Services Ltd.</b>	<i>Contact Number: 561-8799</i> 1618 Ogilvie St., Prince George
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Custom bracing and support</li></ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- retail charges</li></ul>

<b>Child Development Centre</b>	<i>Contact Number: 563-7168</i> Fax: 563-8039 1687 Strathcona Ave., PG, BC, V2L 4E7
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- For clients of Child Development Centre.</li><li>- Items are loaned to non-clients based on availability of stocks.</li></ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Rolls and wedges, walkers, standers, wheelchairs to use in school.</li><li>- Large items are for short-term loan (up to 3 months)</li><li>- Seating clinic held twice yearly in partnership with SunnyHill Hospital.</li><li>- Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy assessments.</li><li>- Referrals by doctor, community agencies, parents and caregivers</li></ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mostly no charge. Some very large items may require borrower to take out temporary insurance against fire and theft.</li></ul>

<b>Hearing Aids</b>	<i>Contact Number: 565-7371</i> Northern Interior Health Unit, Hearing Dept.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Hearing Testing and prescription of hearing aids.</li><li>- NIHU will order the hearing aids on behalf of parents.</li></ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Hearing aids are sold at reduced cost via the B.C. Hearing Aid Program.</li><li>- If parents are unable to afford the aids, NIHU staff will help them access charitable funding.</li></ul>

<b>Kinsmen Rehab Foundation (Vancouver)</b>	No longer has an equipment loan program
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<b>Medi-Chair Northern B.C.</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 562-8280 849 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave., Prince George, BC
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Power scooters, walkers, lift chairs, bath lifts, stair lifts, adjust beds, w/c bathroom aides</li> <li>- In-home service</li> <li>- New and used consignment rental parts (1-800-330-2772)</li> </ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Retail charges</li> </ul>

<b>P.G. Surg. Med Ltd.</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-2240 Fax: 564-2243 1749 Lyon Street., PG, BC, V2N 1T3
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supplier of wheelchairs, bath seats, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Retail charges</li> </ul>

<b>SET-BC</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 562-9650 PG Regional Centre and Special Education Technology
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Students must demonstrate a significant physical or visual disability which is a primary impediment to educational progress. The disability must be “low incidence” as defined by Ministry of Education. (Children with autism may be eligible).</li> <li>- Access via the schools, who then bring in SET-BC via the Area Support Team.</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Long-term loan of assistive technology to meet the educational needs of students (switches, adapted keyboards, computers, and communication devices). Technical Support Team modifies and repairs loan equipment.</li> <li>- Student must be registered in a B.C. Public School or Group 1 and 2 Independent School. Student must demonstrate a significant physical or visual disability, which is a primary impediment to educational progress.</li> <li>- Devices may not be supplied until Grade 1.</li> </ul>

<b>SunnyHill Health Centre for Children</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1 604 453-8300 3644 Slocan St., Vancouver BC., V5M 3E8
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Doctor’s referral.</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seating clinic offered at the Child Development Centre, Prince George</li> <li>- Consultations at SunnyHill (seating, positioning, assistive technology).</li> <li>- Alternative and Augmentative Communication consults</li> <li>- Communication devices supplied if they do the assessment</li> </ul>

<b>Supported Child Care</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-1147 Prince George
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lend adaptive equipment, seats, rolls, etc., to community child care programs.</li> </ul>

<b>Tetra Society</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-688-6464 Fax: 1-604-688-6463 Tetra Society of North America, Plaza of Nations, Suite 27 – 770 Pacific Blvd, South Vancouver BC., V6B 5E7 562-4070 Kori Heyland, Prince George Simon Rose, <a href="mailto:sjrose@telus.net">sjrose@telus.net</a> , Prince George
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recruitment of skilled volunteer engineers and technicians to create assistive devices for people with disabilities.</li> <li>- Volunteers will custom design and build equipment not available commercially, for all ages</li> </ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No charge except for the materials and cost of volunteer to travel to area.</li> </ul>

<b>Western Institute of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 562-8001 Fax: 562-8003 website: <a href="http://www.widhh.com">www.widhh.com</a> P.O. Box 957 Prince George, BC V2L 4T7
<b>Description of services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Main branch in Vancouver offers a loaner hearing aid program</li> </ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nominal</li> </ul>

## Behaviour

<b>Gateway Behavioural Support Service</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 561-1194 Fax: 561-1195 1023 LaSalle Ave, PG, V2L 4J6
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children from 0 to 19 years old</li> <li>- Must be referred by the Ministry for Children and Families and have a diagnosis of a disorder from the Autism Spectrum.</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support for families of children with Autism.</li> <li>- Assessment of family priorities provided</li> <li>- Environmental, communication and functional behavioural assessments</li> <li>- Individualized program design; consultation and hands-on demonstration, informal and formal training</li> <li>- Dissemination of information; school liaison and information sharing; play skills group for children under 6, parents attend; social skills group for children over 6; workshops for care providers and parents.</li> </ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regular services are free, however consultants will contract privately to families who may not meet the eligibility criteria.</li> </ul>

**Intersect  
Youth and Family Services  
Society**

*Contact Number:* 562-6639 Fax 562-4692  
1294 Third Avenue Prince George, BC

**Description:**

- Offers assessment and therapy services to children and youth experiencing significant impairment in some area of their life. Priority given to children and youth suffering from a mental health disorder or who at significant risk of harming themselves or others.

**Lifeskills Worker**

*Contact Number:* 565-6890 Ministry for Children and Families

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Child needs to have an assessment completed by a professional (doctor or psychologist) and have an I.Q. of 70 or less.
- The child must meet at least one of the following: mental disability, autism, assessed as eligible for the At-Home Program or Respite benefits.
- The parents need to request this service, it is not automatically put into place
- The family will be assigned to one of the Children and Family Social Workers.

**Description of Services:**

- The family will be assigned a limited number of hours per week in which a Lifeskills worker will take the child and help teach specific skills that have been identified as goals in the child's care plan. The worker may assist the child to learn social and life skills.

**Prima Assessment Center**

*Contact Number:* 563-0823

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- All referrals come through the Ministry of Children and Families
- Children must be between the ages of 5 – 12 and have an I.Q. above 70
- Children present with severe to moderate behavioural challenges, usually as a result of physical, sexual or emotional abuse.

**Description of Services:**

- The program offers a 4 ½ month assessment, and provides a comprehensive report to the Ministry of Children and Families. They design individualized behaviour management programs that are implemented in the Residential setting.
- Prima has 2 beds for stabilization, the children can stay up to 9 months while waiting for a Treatment bed or foster care placement.

**Robson House**

*Contact Number:* 562-3500

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Referrals to stay at Robson House are made through the Ministry for Children and Families.

**Description of Services:**

- Robson House is a 6 bed residential treatment program for sexually, physically and emotional abused children between the ages of 5 and 11. The average length of stay is 12 to 15 months. The goal is for the children to be reintegrated into the families. Currently the wait list is 1 to 2 years and the Ministry prioritizes the list.
- The program is Ministry Funded.

**Financial Assistance**

<b>Day Care/Preschool Subsidy</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 614-6314, Westwood Office of Ministry for Social Development and Economic Security 565-6890, Parkwood Office of Ministry for Children and Families
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To qualify for Daycare subsidy payment, for a child without Special Needs, contact the Westwood office.</li> <li>- To qualify for Daycare subsidy payment, for a child with Special Needs, contact the Parkwood office.</li> <li>- Families need to be either working, going to school or have a protection file open.</li> <li>- If you have a child with special needs, you may be eligible for additional family support. Families need to be receiving one or all of the following: B.C. Family bonus, Income Assistance or some day care subsidy. Contact the Parkwood office.</li> </ul>

<b>Disability Credit</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-800-959-8281 (Federal Tax)
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Severe mental or physical disability – must be certified by a physician</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parent attaches a Form T2201 to their tax statement and they receive extra money on their tax return.</li> </ul>

<b>Special Needs Adoption Assistance</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 614-2662 Bev Fowlie, Supervisor
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The child has to be in continuing custody (and preparing for adoption) and designated as Special Needs.</li> <li>- The adoptive parents have to be in need of the money and are income tested</li> <li>- The adoptive parents must declare what they are spending on the child’s needs, i.e. equipment</li> <li>- There is a formula to come up with an amount for each family.</li> </ul>

## Friendship

<b>Big Brothers/Big Sisters</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-7410 Web site: <a href="mailto:bigbro@mag-net.com">bigbro@mag-net.com</a>
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For single-parent families, for young children age 7-14 years.</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Young children can be matched up with appropriate Big Brother or Big Sister. The purpose of this relationship is to provide a role model in place of an absent parent.</li> <li>- Child spends time with his/her “Big” in or out of home.</li> </ul>

<b>Afterschool Care</b>	<i>Contact Phone:</i> 563-2483 Child Care Resource and Referral Program,
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- List of resources obtainable from Child Care Resource and Referral Program</li> </ul>

## Guardianship

**North Central Family Resources Ltd.** *Contact Number:* 564-9064 385 Winnipeg St. Prince George, B.C.

**Description of Services:** - Provides support and training services for Foster Parents including enhanced communication, Foster Care education program, crisis support, peer support, recruitment

**Eligibility:** - Actively caring for a child as a foster parent

### **B.C. Children's Hospital**

*Contact Number:* 1-604-875-3160 Medical Administration, Florence Kane, Administrator  
BC Children's Hospital, 4480 Oak St., Vancouver, BC, V6H 3V4

**Description of Services:**

- The Pediatric Partnership Program is a new liaison service between the community and B.C. Children's Hospital.
- Specific programs and clinics include:
  - Allergy Clinic: 604-875-2118
  - Cardiology: 604-875-2120
  - Cystic Fibrosis Clinic: 604-875-2146
  - Diabetes Clinic: 604-875-2868
  - Education Services: 604-875-2977
  - General Paediatric Clinic: 604-875-2130
  - Hearing Disorders Program: 604-875-2330
  - Infectious and Immunological Diseases: 604-875-2302
  - Meningomoloele (Spina Bifida) Program: 604-875-3145
  - Neurology Program (Muscle Diseases & Seizures): 604-875-2121
  - Occupational Therapy: 604-875-2122
  - Family Resource Library: 604-875-2345, ext. 7644
  - Respiratory Therapy: 604-875-2672
  - Spina Bifida Parents Support Group: 604-875-2345, ext. 7013 (see also Meningomoloele)
  - Audiology/Speech Pathology: 604-875-2112
  - Child Life Dept.: 604-875-2345, ext. 7687
  - Dental Services: 604-875-2114
  - Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic: 604-875-2113
  - Gastrointestinal Clinic: 604-875-2332
  - Haematology/Oncology Clinic: 604-875-2116
  - HIV Care Unit: 604-875-2302
  - Information Services: 604-875-2140
  - Neonatal Follow-Up Clinic: 604-875-2854
  - Nutrition Services: 875-2345, ext. 7628
  - Orthopaedic Clinic: 604-875-3187
  - Physiotherapy: 604-875-2123
  - Social Work Services: 604-875-2149
  - Visually Impaired Program: 604-875-2345, ext. 7183

<b>Community Home Care Nurses</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-7322 Northern Interior Health Unit
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Must be within city limits
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Provides in-home professional nursing care for people whose health makes it difficult to look after themselves. - Available on a non-emergency basis, either five or seven days a week. - Includes assessment and consultation, care coordination, and direct nursing care for clients requiring chronic, acute, palliative or rehabilitative support.
<b>Cost:</b>	- Clients are responsible for any required supplies and equipment.

<b>Physicians</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> To find physicians taking new clients, call 565-2000
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<b>Public Health Nurse</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-7478 Northern Interior Health Unit
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Home visits to new parents and babies, providing education and support. - Child health clinics – growth and developmental screening, immunization, parenting and safety education. - Offers family/individual support and counselling on health issues. - Provides health information and education - At Home Program assessments for children with severe disabilities. - In-school support (ie. facilitate integration of special needs children)

<b>Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-434-1311 Fax: 1-604-436-1743 3644 Slocan St., Vancouver BC, V5M 3E8
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Some of the programs and clinics provided at Sunny Hill Hospital For Children include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;">- Brain Injury Program</li> <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;">- Child Development Diagnostic Program</li> <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;">- Long Term Care Program</li> <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;">- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Program</li> <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;">- Feeding Assessment Unit</li> <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;">- Positioning Assessment Unit</li> <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;">- Respite Care</li> <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;">- Fetal Alcohol Clinic</li> </ul>

<b>Travelling Physicians from BCCH:</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-7410
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Cardiologist 3 times a year - Endocrinologist 2 times a year - Medical Genetics once per year - Orthopedics once per year - Cystic Fibrosis once per year

## Health Funding

<b>David Foster Foundation Society</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-475-1223 Fax: 1-604-475-1193 3795 Carey Rd, Victoria BC V8Z 6T8
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Help families of children needing organ transplants. Foundation provides funding for the non-medical expenses throughout the procedure, from initial assessments to post-operative check-ups (transportation, accommodation, Counselling).

<b>Extended Health Coverage</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> Through employer
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<b>Medical Services Plan of B.C.</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-800-663-7100 – PO Box 9035, Station, Provincial Government, Victoria BC V8W 9E3 1-800-661-2668 - Claims for the Travel Assistance Program
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<b>Northern B.C. Friends of Children Society</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-2217 Fax: 564-2247 1600 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue., Prince George, BC., V2L 5R9
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Families must live from Williams Lake and north - Have a child under 18 years of age - The child must have specific medical needs.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Helps with costs associated with medical treatment.

<b>Pharmacare</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-800-554-0250
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Children eligible for benefits through the At Home Program receive a specially encoded care card, which entitles them to obtain eligible prescribed drugs and certain medical supplies at no charge through the Pharmacare Program.

## Housing

<b>BCHMC Subsidized Housing</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-433-1711 BCHMC (Each project has their own contact person)
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Each project has specific criteria. Not specifically for people with disabilities

<b>Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (Disability Grant)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 562-9106 BC Native Housing Corp. (1-800-639-3938 HMHC)
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Income tested – there is a maximum income</li> <li>- You must own your own home</li> <li>- Medical note from doctor to confirm the need for the renovation</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Family calls BC Native Housing and completes a phone interview</li> <li>- An inspector goes to the family home to inspect the House</li> <li>- The grant is not more than 60% of the actual cost of renovation</li> <li>- There is a waitlist for this program</li> <li>- Family gets the money once the work is completed, not up front</li> </ul>

<b>Property Tax Grant – Additional Grant/ Home Owner Grant</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> The Home Owner Grant Administration Office in Victoria OR City of Prince George Service Centre 561-7600 web site <a href="http://www.marh.gov.bc.ca/hog">www.marh.gov.bc.ca/hog</a>
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Severe disability – doctor has to fill out information on the Doctor's Certificate (get at City Hall)</li> <li>- The eligibility criteria will be changing next year and at this time it is unknown what the changes will be</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Check off the box on your regular home owner grant, this is for a deduction in property tax for people who need assistance from those outside of their home (i.e. homemakers) or family</li> <li>- City Hall may give a reduction to those who have done major renovations (not just ramps, etc.) but the grant is not really for renovations</li> <li>- The type of disability is considered; it has to be a permanent physical disability and require daily assistance.</li> </ul>

## Nutrition

<b>BCCH – SunnyHill Feeding Team</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-434-1331
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Access by doctor's referral</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment and recommendations</li> </ul>

<b>Dial-A-Dietician</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-800-667-3438
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Toll Free Number above is open Monday to Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.</li> <li>- Nutrition information hotline</li> </ul>



<b>Sunshine Foundation Children's Wish Foundation</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 964-9474 Prince George Sub Chapter, PO Box 2645, PG, BC, V2N 4T5 Sunshine Foundation Canada 1-800-461-7935
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Must be under 18 years, have a medical release and have legal guardian consent.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Provides a once in a lifetime experience for kids suffering from high risk, life threatening illnesses. - Wishes include family reunion in distant location, trip, personal gift: computer, etc., chance to meet sports hero, etc.
<b>Cost:</b>	- Donations needed to run programs

## Play

<b>Prince George and District Skill Building Library</b>	<i>Contact name and number:</i> Gillian Taylor 964-8479 or 564-6408 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Barton Building 500 Victoria St. Prince George, BC Can call to make an appointment.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Open to anyone who needs things to help with fine motor and social skills. Parenting resources available.
<b>Cost:</b>	- Free. Borrow items on a monthly basis.

## Recreation

<b>Arts Summer Day Camp</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 562-6935 Studio 2880, Community Arts Council
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Offered at Studio 2880, can enrol for a week or the whole summer
<b>Cost:</b>	- Regular fees apply

<b>CP Sports Association</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> Judy Dix 561-7609 (work) 563-6749 (home)
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Children with physical disabilities
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Boccia; Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30; Quinson Elementary; \$15; Terry Foulds 964-8267 - Cycling; Spring to Fall; Multiplex parking lot; \$10; - Horseback Riding; April to September; fees charged, however advises on funding sources; Barb Warkentine 962-5082 - Swimming; Thursday 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.; Four Seasons Pool; \$40 - Track and Field; Saturday; Spring to Fall; Massey Place Stadium; PG Track and Field Club fees apply
<b>Cost:</b>	- Registration Fee: \$5 for children aged 5 to 16 years.

<b>Challenger Baseball</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 964-9289 Jenny Jones
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- For children 5 to 18 years old with a disability
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Everyone welcome, buddy system available - Uniforms and equipment provided
<b>Cost:</b>	- \$30; runs April to June

<b>Child Development Centre</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-7168 Fax: 563-8039 1687 Strathcona Ave., PG, BC, V2L 4E7
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Must be a CDC client
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Summer programs, e.g. playground group, dance group

<b>Disabled Skiing</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-6293 Joan Lasure
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Any disability, customized for individual needs.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Reduced ticket price at local ski hills
<b>Cost:</b>	- Membership fee of \$25 for skier, \$20 for volunteer companion

<b>Gymnastics</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-7353 PG Gymnastics Club
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Available for children 6 to 8 years old
<b>Cost:</b>	- \$21 registration fee per year, \$12 equipment fee per year. - Contact the association for fee information

<b>Karate</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 964-2198 Peter Makowichuk
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 P.M. at the Knights of Columbus Centre
<b>Cost:</b>	- Free

<b>Parks, B.C.</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-6340
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Disabled Access Pass entitles the family to free use of camp grounds - A form (available from the BC Parks office in Prince George) must be filled out and a doctor must certify that the child/adult is permanently physically or mentally disabled.

<b>PG Therapeutic Riding Assoc.</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 962-5082 Barb Warkentine
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Special needs; disabilities of some sort</li> <li>- Age 3 ½ and up</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Horseback riding; runs April to mid-October</li> </ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$10 yearly fee; \$10 per session</li> </ul>

<b>Red Cross Swim</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 561-7636 Four Seasons Pool
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Special Needs Swim session, Sundays, 10:00 – 11:30 A.M.</li> <li>- Lifeguards available to assist; no charge; immediate family included</li> </ul>

<b>Special Olympics</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-4190 Ivy Whitfield Main Registration – Pine Centre Mall September Recreation Mart
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children with mental handicaps</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>September to April</b></li> <li>- 5 Pin Bowling; Monday 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.; 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bowling</li> <li>- 10 Pin Bowling; Saturday 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; Strike Zone</li> <li>- Swimming; Monday and Wednesday 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Four Seasons Pool</li> <li>- Power Lifting; Tuesday 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.; Family Y</li> <li>- Rhythmic Gymnastics; Level I Tuesday 3:40 to 4:40; Level II and III Thursday 6:30 to 8:30; Level IV Monday 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.; Kinsman Hall</li> <li>- Curling; PG Curling Club</li> <li>- Speed Skating; with the Blizzard Skating Club</li> <li>- Snow Shoeing; no equipment needed</li> <li>- Cross Country Skiing; need own equipment</li> <li>- Alpine Skiing; need own equipment</li> <li>- <b>May to June</b></li> <li>- Track and Field</li> <li>- T-Ball</li> <li>- Softball</li> </ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$20 covers all sports and three yearly socials</li> </ul>

## Respite – in home

<b>At Home Program (MCF)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-7311 Northern Interior Health Unit 565-6890 Ministry for Children and Families
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Children must have physical disabilities AND be dependant in the areas of: eating, toileting, hygiene, dressing and mobility.</li><li>- For children and youth up to 18 years of age</li></ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The AHP has a respite benefit in which parents of eligible children receive funds on a monthly basis for the purpose of purchasing their own respite for their child.</li></ul>

<b>Home Support Workers</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-6890 Ministry for Children and Families
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Children must have special needs.</li></ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Home Support Workers, support families caring for children with special needs. There seems to be quite a bit of variation in different areas as to amount of funds available for these supports.</li></ul>

<b>Nursing Respite Program (NRP)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-7311 Nursing Consultant for NRP at the Northern Interior Health Unit
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Children must have care needs that require the knowledge and skills of a nurse in the absence of the primary caregivers.</li></ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- This program is intended to provide respite at the nursing level (RN or LPN) for those children with care needs that require the knowledge and skills of a nurse in the absence of the primary caregivers (usually the parents). Some examples are children who are: ventilator-dependent, tracheostomy-dependent, on peritoneal dialysis, on total parenteral nutrition, or who are at the end-stage of an illness in which their care needs require nursing judgement and intervention.</li><li>- In the eight years that NRP has been a provincial program, there have been approximately 150 referrals, of which almost 30% were eligible to receive the service.</li></ul>

## Respite – out of home

<b>Children's Residence/ Green Place</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-2260
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- This facility is available for children up to the age of 19, who have mental, physical or sensory disabilities.</li></ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Respite is arranged on an overnight basis and children can stay for a week or two at a time. This is a heavily used service and families need to book ahead for space.</li></ul>

<b>Foster Care Program</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-6890 Ministry for Children and Families
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Referral must be made through a Social Worker, child must have a file open.</li> <li>- For children 0-18 years of age.</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There are homes available for strictly respite care.</li> </ul>

<b>Robson House</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 562-3500
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Referrals to stay at Robson House are made through the Ministry for Children and Families.</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	Robson House is a 6 bed residential treatment program for sexually, physically and emotional abused children between the ages of 5 and 11. The average length of stay is 12 to 15 months. The goal is for the children to be reintegrated into the families. There is a waitlist and the Ministry prioritises the list.
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This program is Ministry funded.</li> </ul>

<b>Summer Programs sponsored by AIMHI</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-6408 (AimHi)
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children must have special needs.</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Summer programs for children with special needs based on Grant application and its acceptance.</li> </ul>

## Respite – Available Outside of Local Area

<b>Camps</b>	
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There are a variety of camp experiences available for children with special care needs. Some of these include:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Easter Seal Camps (Winfield, Squamish and Cowichan) for children with physical and/or mental disabilities;</li> <li>(2) Camp Good Times (Sunshine Coast) for children with cancer;</li> <li>(3) B.C. Lung Association Asthma Camp (Mission), (4) FAS Camp, etc.</li> </ol> </li> <li>- These camps are often free or have financial assistance available for those families who cannot pay.</li> </ul>

<b>Canuck Place</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-731-4847 for a referral
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children age 0 – 12 years of age who are living with a progressive life-threatening illness.</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This is a newly-opened paediatric hospice facility in Vancouver in which there are 7 respite beds available to children living with a progressive life-threatening illness.</li> <li>- Children can stay as long as two weeks at a time.</li> </ul>

<b>SunnyHill Centre for Children</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-434-1331 Social Worker
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Children age 0 – 12 years old who have physical disabilities.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- This paediatric facility in Vancouver has been moving long term residents into other home-like settings. They do have a Respite Care Program in which children with physical disabilities can be booked for up to a week or two. - This is available to the whole province.

## Services to Blind and Visually Impaired

<b>Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-1702 Fax: 563-1787
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Orientation and Mobility – learning to travel independently using a white cane. This service is provided through contracts between CNIB and school districts which may not have staff with expertise in Orientation and Mobility. - Low Vision Assessments - Braille taught if not taught in school - A toy library – AimHi; Newsletter monthly - Kidsworthy - CNIB Library for the Blind email: <a href="http://www.cnib.ca/library">www.cnib.ca/library</a> or phone 1-800-268-8818 - Spinoza Talking Bear Program – teddy bear with tape recorder built inside - Summer Reading Program, Braille Writing contest, - Teaching life skills, Descriptive Video Service, Wayne Gretzky Children’s Collection - books - The Tech Centre – adaptive technology for computers - The Access Shop – products for sale

## Sexuality

<b>GF Strong Centre (BC Rehab)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-737-6233 Fax: 1-604-737-6359 4255 Laurel St., Vancouver BC, V5Z 2G9
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- A physician’s referral is required.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Able to see any adolescent with a physical disability who has concerns related to sexual health. - Some of the services include: counselling, education - Health care staff can attend educational workshops and obtain education materials.

<b>Sexual Health Resource Network</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-800-331-1533 or 1-604-435-8300 SunnyHill Health Centre for Children, Sexual Health Resource Network, 3644 Slocan St., Vancouver BC., V5M 3E8, Monday to Friday 9:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. Ext. 8335 general info.; Ext. 8217 Librarian; Ext. 8436 Health Educator; web site: <a href="http://www.cw.bc.ca/Sunnyhill/Sexhealth">www.cw.bc.ca/Sunnyhill/Sexhealth</a> Fax: 1-604-431-7395
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Offers a directory of service providers, training and education, resource information and library.

## Siblings

<b>Child Development Centre</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-7168 Family Service Worker
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Group for siblings of children with special needs sometimes offered during the summer.
<b>Cost:</b>	- No charge

<b>Gateway Behavioural Support Services (autism spectrum)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 561-1194
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Referrals are channelled via the Ministry for Children and Families
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Provides groups from time to time

<b>Hospice Society</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-2551
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Support program for children and teens re: grieving

<b>Rainbows</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 562-2817
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Peer support groups for children, adolescents and adults who are experiencing or have experienced a loss, such as death or divorce.

## Support Groups for People and Families with Special Needs

<b>Autism Society of British Columbia (Prince George)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 561-0881
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Support for families with a member who has autism and autistic-like tendencies - Includes Aspergers Syndrome - Support and information sharing groups

<b>Brain Injured Group</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-2447 (Barb) Fax: 564-6928 Executive Director: Alison Haygreen Email: <a href="mailto:pgbig@northernbc.com">pgbig@northernbc.com</a> web site: <a href="http://www.pgbig.ca">www.pgbig.ca</a>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Discussion groups; Guest speakers - Socials; Drop-Ins; Youth Group (10 to 18 years) - Family Support Group (all ages, last Thursday of every month) - Speciality groups (Introductory groups and coping strategies). - See web sit for further details

<b>Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-1702 <i>Fax:</i> 563-1787
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Experiencing difficulty with vision loss
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Blindness counselling - Prevention and information - Social networking

<b>Child Development Centre</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-7168
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Open to the Community
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP for six years and under) - Developing Capable People offered from time to time - Addressing Challenging Behaviour (six week partnership program)
<b>Cost:</b>	- Minimal

<b>Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder (CHADD)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-2206 Collette
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Information and support for parents

<b>Compassionate Friends</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-5583 (Annette) 964-4555 (Kym)
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Self-help group for parents who have experienced the death of a child - Siblings and grandparents welcome - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7pm at Bereavement Centre on Ferry Ave

<b>Dyslexia Support Group</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-8011 <i>Fax:</i> 564-8055 <i>Email:</i> <a href="mailto:ldc@paralynx.com">ldc@paralynx.com</a>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Support group for parents and tutors - Multisensory tutoring - Access to resource library (membership required)
<b>Cost:</b>	- \$25.00 (resource library membership)

<b>Epilepsy Society of PG</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-5260 (Anne)
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Seizure disorders
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Provide support to individuals with epilepsy and their families - Regular meetings at PGRH (second Tuesday of every month @ 7:00 P.M.)

<b>Family Support Institute</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-800-441-5403 Vancouver 564-5681 Terry Robertson (parent volunteer) 964-7747 Nadine Nicholson (parent volunteer) 962-5082 Barb Warkentine (parent volunteer)
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Resource for parents - Offers workshops - Support or assistance with appointments
<b>Cost:</b>	- Membership cost is \$25 a year/ this can be waived in some circumstances

<b>Family Support Program</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-6408
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Referrals come through Community Living Services, Ministry for Children and Families – must have an open file.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Provides support to parents with mental disabilities - Provides support for families with a member who has a disability - Seminars - Support - Advocacy - Community and government resources

<b>Parents Helping Parents Support Group</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-5681 (Terry) 562-1769 (Lorraine) parents of children with disabilities
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Birth to adulthood
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Meetings once a month - Support groups - Advocacy work - Information sharing - Recreational activities - Networking
<b>Cost:</b>	- \$10.00 (to cover coffee and snacks)

**Prince George Deaf Children's Society**

Contact Number: 563-2425 Fax: 562-8003  
Email: pgdcs@telus.net

**Description of Services:**

- Support group for parents of hearing impaired children
- Regular meetings (last Thursday of every month)
- Social outings
- Web page
- Deaf walk (during Deaf Awareness Week)
- Information booth set up in Pine Centre for Deaf Awareness Week
- Christmas Social
- Equipment sharing
- Fundraising
- Advocacy.

**Tourette Syndrome Support Group**

Contact Number: 562-4289

**Description of Services:**

- Phone support
- Resource library
- Presentations for groups or organizations
- Networking
- Pamphlets
- Information
- Meetings held based on interest

**Cost:**

- Can join the Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada (1-800-361-3120)

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

Contact Number: 562-8001 Fax: 562-8003 website: [www.widhh.com](http://www.widhh.com)  
P.O. Box 957 Prince George, BC V2L 4T7

**Description of services:**

- Main branch in Vancouver offers a variety of services. Call local branch office for more information.

**Cost:**

- Depends on service needed

**Therapy Services**

**Child Development Centre**

Contact Number: 563-7168 Fax: 563-8039 1687 Strathcona Ave., PG, BC, V2L 4E7

**Description of Services:**

- Open referral system
- Physiotherapy consultation
- Occupational therapy consultation in conjunction with School District #57 Occupational Therapist

**Cost:**

- Minimal fees may apply

<b>Northern Interior Health Unit</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-7371
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Hearing assessments (Audiology)

<b>School District #57</b>	Access through Area Support Teams, School District #57 or classroom teacher
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Occupational Therapists consult - Speech Language Pathologist consult - Psychologist consult

## Transport

<b>At Home Program (MCF)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-7311 Northern Interior Health Unit
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Children must have physical disabilities AND be dependant in the areas of: eating, toileting, hygiene, dressing and mobility. - for children and youth up to 18 years of age
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Reimburses travel costs incurred for a medical program that treats the disability which is funded by the At Home Program. - Pays directly for air travel to another location for child plus one attendant - Mileage reimbursed on a per kilometre basis - Apply for funding prior to travel

<b>Carefree Bus Service</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 562-1394
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Must be special needs
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Mondays to Fridays from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday one bus only 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Book one day in advance

<b>Travel Assistance Program (Ministry of Health)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-800-661-2668 Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Contact TAP before making travel arrangements to verify eligibility
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Travel discounts to eligible B.C. residents who must travel for non-emergency medical services not available in their own community and whose travel expenses are not covered by third party insurance or other government programs. - A caregiver may accompany the child; both are eligible for discounts. A physician must certify that a caregiver is required. - Must be referred to the required medical service by a physician; obtain a TAP application form from the referring physician; that office/clinic will complete and sign it - Eligible medical services for which travel is necessary are quite narrowly defined; dentistry, psychology, optometry, physiotherapy, etc. are not eligible

**RESOURCES/SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**  
**Prince George Area**  
**Post-Secondary**

**Assistive Technology, Equipment and Supplies**

<b>At Home Program (MCF)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-7311 Northern Interior Health Unit
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Children must have physical disabilities AND be dependant in the areas of: eating, toileting, hygiene, dressing and mobility.</li><li>- For children and youth up to 18 years of age</li></ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Referral through physiotherapy and occupational therapists or contact the Northern Interior Health Unit</li><li>- Supplies equipment deemed to be medically necessary, including seating and mobility systems, bathing and toileting needs, special beds, car seats, lifting devices and rolls and wedges for use at home.</li></ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Certain equipment is funded by the At Home Program, no cost to parent</li></ul>

<b>Employment Program For Persons with Disabilities</b>	<i>Contact:</i> Ministry of Human Resources office <a href="http://www.mhr.gov.bc.ca/PUBLICAT/bcea/EPPD.htm">www.mhr.gov.bc.ca/PUBLICAT/bcea/EPPD.htm</a> 585 - Prince George Disability Employment & Assistance Centre 1445 10th Avenue Prince George BC V2L 2L2 Telephone: 250 565-6211 Facsimile: 250 565-6610
<b>Eligibility:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Available to both BC Employment and Assistance (BCEA) and non BCEA clients</li></ul>
<b>Description of services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Pre-employment services, planning and employment services, self-employment services, disability supports,</li><li>- Assistive technology</li></ul>

<b>Health Services-Community Living NIHU</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-7317 - Northern Interior Health Unit, 1444 Edmonton St., PG, BC, V2M 6W5
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Provided through Long Term Care Division and Home Care nurses</li><li>- Services include education, assessment, treatment, rehab</li><li>- Assessment for mobility devices, wheelchairs, scooters, seating, positioning.</li><li>- Referrals accepted from anyone and doctor's order required.</li></ul>

<b>GF Strong</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-734-1313
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Age 12 to 25 years, or attainment of adolescent developmental tasks, whichever comes first</li> <li>- For those with neurologically-based, physical needs</li> <li>- Access through doctor's referral</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment, recommendations and ordering of seating systems, etc.</li> <li>- Assessment and trial of demonstration models of communication devices; no help with seeking funding for purchase of own devices.</li> </ul>

<b>Health Services for Community Living Rehab.</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-7317 Northern Interior Health Unit, 1444 Edmonton St., Prince George, BC V2M 6W5
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provided through Long Term Care Division and Home Care nurses</li> <li>- Services include education, assessment, treatment, rehab</li> <li>- Assessment for mobility devices, w/c, scooters, seating, positioning.</li> <li>- Referrals accepted from anyone and doctor's order required.</li> </ul>

<b>Hearing Aids</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> Private audiology clinics
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment and prescription available at private audiology clinics</li> </ul>

<b>Kinsmen Rehab Foundation (Vancouver)</b>	No longer has an equipment loan program
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<b>Medi-Chair Northern B.C.</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 562-8280 849 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave., Prince George, BC
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Power scooters, walkers, lift chairs, bath lifts, stair lifts, adjust beds, w/c bathroom aides</li> <li>- In-home service</li> <li>- New and used consignment rental parts (1-800-330-2772)</li> </ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Retail charges</li> </ul>

<b>Mobility Devices</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-6275 Ministry for Social Development and Economic Security
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Once an adult is on the B.C. Benefits Program (previously known as Guaranteed Assistance Income Network), a financial assistance worker is assigned by the Ministry for Social Development and Economic Security.</li> <li>- Wheelchairs, etc. are funded by the Ministry.</li> </ul>

<b>P.G. Surg. Med Ltd.</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-2240 Fax: 564-2243 1749 Lyon Street., PG, BC, V2N 1T3
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Supplier of wheelchairs, bath seats, etc.
<b>Cost:</b>	- Retail charges

<b>SET-BC</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 562-9650 PG Regional Centre and Special Education Technology
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Must have been a client of SET-BC in high school, now going on to post-secondary education. - Equipment must be returned to SET-BC on graduation.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Long-term loan of assistive technology to meet the educational needs of students (switches, adapted keyboards, computers, communication devices). Technical Support Team modifies and repairs loan equipment.

<b>SunnyHill Health Centre for Children</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1 604 453-8300 3644 Slocan St., Vancouver BC., V5M 3E8
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Doctor's referral - Birth to age 19
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Seating clinic offered at the Child Development Centre, Prince George - Consultations at SunnyHill (seating, positioning, assistive technology) - Alternative and Augmentative Communication consults - Communication devices supplied if they do the assessment

<b>Technology for Living (Vancouver)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-326-0175
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Access via speech language pathologists or occupational therapists, or call direct.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Provide long-term loan of environmental control systems and communication devices for young adults who are no longer covered by SET-BC.
<b>Cost:</b>	- Funded by provincial government.

<b>Telus</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-800-663-1264
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Any age, but user must be able to spell
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Supply adaptive communication devices, including big button telephones, amplifiers, ringers, voice carry over phones for the hearing impaired; various models of communication devices at reduced prices

<b>Tetra Society</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-688-6464 Fax: 1-604-688-6463 Tetra Society of North America, Plaza of Nations, Suite 27 – 770 Pacific Blvd, South Vancouver BC., V6B 5E7 562-4070 Kori Heyland, Prince George Simon Rose, <a href="mailto:sjrose@telus.net">sjrose@telus.net</a> , Prince George
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Recruitment of skilled volunteer engineers and technicians to create assistive devices for people with disabilities. - Volunteers will custom design and build equipment not available commercially, for all ages
<b>Cost:</b>	- No charge except for the materials and cost of volunteer to travel to area.

<b>Western Institute of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 562-8001 Fax: 562-8003 website: <a href="http://www.widhh.com">www.widhh.com</a> P.O. Box 957 Prince George, BC V2L 4T7
<b>Description of services:</b>	- Main branch in Vancouver offers a loaner hearing aid program
<b>Cost:</b>	- Nominal

## Behaviour

<b>Gateway Behavioural Support Service</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 561-1194 Fax: 561-1195 1023 LaSalle Ave, PG, V2L 4J6
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Children from 0 to 19 years old - Must be referred by the Ministry for Children and Families and have a diagnosis of a disorder from the Autism Spectrum.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Support for families of children with Autism. - Assessment of family priorities provided - Environmental, communication and functional behavioural assessments - Individualized program design; consultation and hands-on demonstration, informal and formal training - Dissemination of information; school liaison and information sharing; play skills group for children under 6, parents attend; social skills group for children over 6; workshops for care providers and parents.
<b>Cost:</b>	- Regular services are free, however consultants will contract privately to families who may not meet the eligibility criteria.

<b>Intersect Youth and Family Services Society</b>	<i>Contact Number,</i> 562-6639 Fax 562-4692 1294 Third Avenue Prince George, BC
<b>Description:</b>	- Offers assessment and therapy services to children and youth experiencing significant impairment in some area of their life. Priority given to children and youth suffering from a mental health disorder or who at significant risk of harming themselves or others.

<b>Lifeskills Worker</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-6890 Ministry for Children and Families
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Youth, up to age 19, needs to have an assessment completed by a professional (doctor or psychologist) and have an I.Q. of 70 or less.</li> <li>- The youth must meet at least one of the following: mental disability, autism, assessed as eligible for the At-Home Program or Respite benefits.</li> <li>- The parents need to request this service, it is not automatically put into place</li> <li>- The family will be assigned to one of the Children and Family Social Workers.</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The family will be assigned a limited number of hours per week in which a Lifeskills worker will take the youth and help teach specific skills that have been identified as goals in the youth's care plan. The worker may assist the youth to learn social and life skills.</li> </ul>

## Education

<b>College of New Caledonia</b>	<i>Contact name:</i> Earl Krushelnicki phone: 561-5836 email: <a href="http://www.cnc.bc.ca/Calendar/Found.html">www.cnc.bc.ca/Calendar/Found.html</a> CNC 3330 22 <sup>nd</sup> Ave Prince George BC V2n 1P8
<b>JET program</b>	
<b>Eligibility:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Application process, 12 students September to May (continuous intake)</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Offered to adults with developmental disabilities who want to pursue competitive employment. Programs includes unpaid entry level job placements.</li> </ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Application: \$15; Tuition \$242; Books \$100 (approximately) Student Association \$40 (approximately)</li> </ul>

<b>College of New Caledonia</b>	<i>Contact website:</i> <a href="http://www.cnc.bc.ca/communityeducation/OpenDoors.htm">www.cnc.bc.ca/communityeducation/OpenDoors.htm</a> For information, email <a href="mailto:burgessd@cnc.bc.ca">burgessd@cnc.bc.ca</a> CNC 3330 22 <sup>nd</sup> Ave Prince George BC V2N 1P8
<b>Open Doors program</b>	
<b>Eligibility:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Open Doors Program is intended for persons aged 18-30 who are moderately to severely disabled with little or ability to be independent. They will have completed their secondary education. They may require assistance of personal support aide.</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Program Objectives: To develop individual learning and integration plans for each student that will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the functional literacy of each student</li> <li>• Support individual growth</li> <li>• Increase College and community participation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tuition and Student fee information to be set annually by CNC</li> </ul>

<b>College of New Caledonia</b>	<i>Contact name and number:</i> Chris Gibson <a href="http://www.cnc.bc.ca/Calendar/Found.html">www.cnc.bc.ca/Calendar/Found.html</a> CNC 3330 22 <sup>nd</sup> Ave Prince George BC V2N 1P8
<b>TARGET program</b>	
<b>Eligibility:</b>	- Application process, 12 students September to May (continuous intake)
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Teaches students skills which will help them succeed in future supported employment situations.
<b>Cost:</b>	- Application: \$15; Tuition \$203.50; Books \$25 (approximately) Student Association \$66.25

<b>UNBC Disability Services</b>	<i>Contact name and number:</i> Maureen G. Hewlett 960-6355 Fax 960-5775 <a href="http://www.unbc.ca/disabilities/main.html">www.unbc.ca/disabilities/main.html</a> email: <a href="mailto:hewlettm@unbc.ca">hewlettm@unbc.ca</a> UNBC Room 7-103
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Drop-in. service. Can inquire about academic accommodations, financial assistance, employment opportunities

## Employment

<b>Employment Action</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> Phone: (250) 564-8044 Fax: (250) 564-8864 <a href="http://www.employment-action.bc.ca">www.employment-action.bc.ca</a> 101 - 770 Central Street East Prince George, BC V2M 3B7
<b>Eligibility:</b>	- Services specifically for injured workers and people with disabilities (including physical, sensory, mobility, learning, chronic illness, mental health)
<b>Description:</b>	- Counsellors trained and certified to offer one-on-one employment counselling, vocational assessments, personality assessments, social/emotional assessments, work-intelligence assessments, job search strategies, training and educational planning, research, coordinate and assist with negotiating for technical assistive equipment.

<b>Employment Program For Persons with Disabilities</b>	<i>Contact:</i> Ministry of Human Resources office <a href="http://www.mhr.gov.bc.ca/PUBLICAT/bcea/EPPD.htm">www.mhr.gov.bc.ca/PUBLICAT/bcea/EPPD.htm</a> 585 - Prince George Disability Employment & Assistance Centre 1445 10th Avenue Prince George BC V2L 2L2 Telephone: 250 565-6211 Facsimile: 250 565-6610
<b>Eligibility:</b>	- Available to both BC Employment and Assistance (BCEA) and non BCEA clients
<b>Description of services:</b>	- Pre-employment services, planning and employment services, self-employment services, disability supports, assistive technology

**Triumph Vocational Services**

Contact name and number: Myrt Turner and Associates 563-6181 Fax 562-2433 email: [myrt@mtturner.bc.ca](mailto:myrt@mtturner.bc.ca)  
1360 Fifth Avenue Prince George BC

**Description:**

- Qualified vocational coach works with clients one-one-one to identify goals and develop a plan to achieve them. services may include: disability management, job search preparation, assertiveness training, accommodations, work experience, job shadowing, full and part-time paid employment, mentorship and volunteer placements.

**Disability Supports for Employment**

Contact Brian Stride, Employment Action  
Phone: (250) 564-8044  
[www.employment-action.bc.ca](http://www.employment-action.bc.ca)

**Eligibility:**

- An assistive technology service for older students or parents

**Description:**

- This is a Hub site funded by the Vancouver Foundation and installed through the Assistive Technology for Employment Program (ATEC) at the Neil Squire Society. The site provides an array of assistive technology for the operation of computers (alternate computer input and output devices)

**Cost**

On a fee-for-service basis the equipment is available for evolution, assessment and training.  
For more details, see the ATEC website: [www.neilsquire.ca](http://www.neilsquire.ca)

**Financial Assistance****Disability Credit**

Contact Number: 1-800-959-8281 (Federal Tax)

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Severe mental or physical disability – must be certified by a physician

**Description of Services:**

- Parent attaches a Form T2201 to their tax statement and they receive extra money on their Tax return.

**Special Needs Adoption Assistance**

Contact Number: 614-2662 Bev Fowlie, Supervisor

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- The youth has to be in continuing custody (and preparing for adoption) and designated as Special Needs.
- The adoptive parents have to be in need of the money and are income tested  
The adoptive parents must declare what they are spending on the youth's needs, i.e. equipment
- There is a formula to come up with an amount for each family.
- All funding is based on the provincial budget and it is not guaranteed.

## Friendship

<b>Best Friends Pet Visitation Society</b>	<i>Contact Name and Number:</i> Brenda phone: 964-0240
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Volunteer with dog will visit disabled people restricted to a nursing home.

<b>Community Options (AimHi)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 561-2673
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- For people with mental disabilities - Access through Ministry for Children and Families or Ministry for Social Development and Economic Security

<b>Community Special Needs Recreation Club</b>	<i>Contact Name and Number:</i> Joyce phone: 614-1785
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Available for teens and adults
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Boccia, modified floor hockey, karioke, card Bingo, movies, theme days, snacks – held at the Royal Canadian Legion
<b>Cost:</b>	- Minimal fees

<b>Project Friendship</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 962-2782 <i>Web site:</i> <a href="http://www.pgonline.com/friend/">www.pgonline.com/friend/</a>
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Physically and mentally disabled adults
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Helps develop friendships and social networks with isolated people - Publishes the “Prince George Connector”

## Adult Guardianship

<b>Planned Life Advocacy Network (Plan)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-439-9566 (Burnaby) <i>web site</i> <a href="http://www.plan.bcteladvance.com">www.plan.bcteladvance.com</a>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Private, non-profit organization that helps families with Special Needs children - Wills - Community networking
<b>Cost:</b>	- Associate members, donations, costs depend on type of service required

<b>MCFD – Community Living Services</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-6890
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Designated agency for adults with a cognitive delay (IQ under 70), who are suspected of being abused, neglected, or harming him or herself.

<b>Northern Health Authority Health Unit</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-7414, <i>Contact Names:</i> Louise Holland and / or Karla Staff
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Adult Protection Services - Designated agency for adults with a cognitive delay who are suspected of being abused, neglected, or harming him or himself.

**Health**

<b>Community Home Care Nurses</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-7322 Northern Interior Health Unit
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Must be within city limits
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Provides in-home professional nursing care for people whose health makes it difficult to look after themselves. - Available on a non-emergency basis, either five or seven days a week. - Includes assessment and consultation, care coordination, and direct nursing care for clients requiring chronic, acute, palliative or rehabilitative support.
<b>Cost:</b>	- Clients are responsible for any required supplies and equipment.

<b>Health Services for Community Living</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-7457 Northern Interior Health Unit
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Community or self-referral - Must be over 19 years old
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Provides non-emergency nursing and rehabilitation services. - Provide support, education and training about health care issues.

<b>Long Term Care</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-7317 Northern Interior Health Unit
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Physicians order
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Provided through the Continuing Care Division, Northern Interior Health Unit

<b>Physicians</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> To find physicians taking new clients, call 565-2000
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<b>Public Health Nurse</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-7311 Northern Interior Health Unit
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Home visits to new parents and babies, providing education and support.</li> <li>- Child health clinics – growth and developmental screening, immunization, parenting and safety education.</li> <li>- Offers family/individual support and counselling on health issues.</li> <li>- Provides health information and education</li> <li>- At Home Program assessments for children with severe disabilities.</li> <li>- In-school support (ie. facilitate integration of special needs children)</li> </ul>

<b>Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-434-1311 Fax: 1-604-436-1743 3644 Slocan St., Vancouver BC, V5M 3E8
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Birth to age 19
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some of the programs and clinics provided at Sunny Hill Hospital For Children include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Brain Injury Program</li> <li>- Long Term Care Program</li> <li>- Feeding Assessment Unit</li> <li>- Respite Care</li> <li>- Child Development Diagnostic Program</li> <li>- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Program</li> <li>- Positioning Assessment Unit</li> <li>- Fetal Alcohol Clinic</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Health Funding

<b>David Foster Foundation Society</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-475-1223 Fax: 1-604-475-1193 3795 Carey Rd, Victoria BC V8Z 6T8
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Help families of children needing organ transplants. Foundation provides funding for the non-medical expenses throughout the procedure, from initial assessments to post-operative check-ups (transportation, accommodation, Counselling).

<b>Disability Benefits through Ministry of Human Resources</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-800-337-3531, Health Services Division, Ministry of Social Services, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, BC., V8V 1X4
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Must be 18 years or older, qualify for income assistance, and have a severe mental or physical disability.</li> <li>- Must need lots of help with activities of daily living, need extra money for transportation, special diet and/or medical supplies.</li> </ul>

<b>Extended Health Coverage</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> Through employer
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<b>Medical Services Plan of B.C.</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-800-663-7100 – PO Box 9035, Station, Provincial Government, Victoria BC V8W 9E3 1-800-661-2668 - Claims for the Travel Assistance Program
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<b>Pharmacare</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-800-554-0250
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Plan C:</b> BC residents eligible for Medical Benefits through the Ministry of Human Resources</li> <li>- Receive 100% coverage for prescription medication.</li> <li>- <b>Plan D:</b> Those with Cystic Fibrosis receive digestive enzymes at no cost.</li> <li>- <b>Plan G:</b> Mental health psychiatric medication is of no charge.</li> <li>- <u>Home Oxygen Subsidy Program:</u> 100% reimbursement for oxygen and related equipment delivered to homes.</li> </ul>

## Housing

<b>BCHMC Subsidized Housing</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-433-1711 BCHMC (Each project has their own contact person)
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Each project has specific criteria. Not specifically for people with disabilities</li> </ul>

<b>Group Homes</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-6890, Resource Worker, Ministry for Children and Families – Community Living Each Group Home has a specific name
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Must have a Ministry file open (AimHi group homes are for those with mental handicaps and CP Association care for those who have Cerebral Palsy)</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Group homes in Prince George are run under a contract with the Ministry for Children and Families.</li> <li>- They provide supervised living.</li> <li>- There are very few in Prince George. Placements are made by Ministry for Children and Families.</li> </ul>

<b>Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (Disability Grant)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 562-9106 BC Native Housing Corp. (1-800-639-3938 HMHC)
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Income tested – there is a maximum income</li> <li>- You must own your own home</li> <li>- Medical note from doctor to confirm the need for the renovation</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Family calls BC Native Housing and completes a phone interview</li> <li>- An inspector goes to the family home to inspect the House</li> <li>- The grant is not more than 60% of the actual cost of renovation</li> <li>- There is a waitlist for this program</li> <li>- Family gets the money once the work is completed, not up front</li> </ul>

<b>Property Tax Grant – Additional Grant/ Home Owner Grant</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> The Home Owner Grant Administration Office in Victoria OR City of Prince George Service Centre 561-7600 web site <a href="http://www.marh.gov.bc.ca/hog">www.marh.gov.bc.ca/hog</a>
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Severe disability – doctor has to fill out information on the Doctor's Certificate (get at City Hall)</li> <li>- The eligibility criteria will be changing next year and at this time it is unknown what the changes will be</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Check off the box on your regular home owner grant, this is for a deduction in property tax for people who need assistance from those outside of their home (i.e. homemakers) or family</li> <li>- City Hall may give a reduction to those who have done major renovations (not just ramps, etc.) but the grant is not really for renovations</li> <li>- The type of disability is considered; it has to be a permanent physical disability and require daily assistance.</li> </ul>

<b>Supported Apartments</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-6890 Resource Worker, Ministry for Children and Families – Community Living
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- determined by Ministry for Children and Families – mental handicap</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fully staffed residence with no more than 2 people</li> </ul>

<b>MCFD – Community Living Services</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-6890
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Services to adults with cognitive delays, (IQ under 70)</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Variety of housing options.</li> <li>- Based on needs of the adults and the availability of resources.</li> </ul>

<b>Habitat for Humanity</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-1188
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<b>HAR – Homeless at Risk</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-6112
	- Two units are set up for persons with a disability

<b>Metis Pruvincial Council of B.C.</b>	<i>Contact number:</i> 563-1433 for the Northern Office
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<b>Life on the Run Training</b>	<i>Contact number:</i> 612-2031 <i>Contact Name:</i> Marvene Layte
<b>Description</b>	Advocate and assistant in changing lifestyles and independent connection to the community through advocacy and training.

<b>Elizabeth Frye Society</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-6654
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## Nutrition

<b>Dial-A-Dietician</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-800-667-3438
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Toll Free Number above is open Monday to Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. - Nutrition information hotline

<b>Dietitians' and Nutritionists' Association of BC</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-2356, Food Services
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Personal counselling available on physician's referral
<b>Cost:</b>	- Yes – varies

<b>Meals on Wheels</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 962-2546    run by seniors
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Seniors & shut-ins
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Hot meals provided to seniors and shut-ins.
<b>Cost:</b>	- Minimum cost involved

<b>Mental Health Services, Northern Interior Health Unit</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-4300 Ministry for Children and Families
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Individuals with a developmental disability</li> <li>- 14 years old or older</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Comprehensive assessment including: psychiatric, psychological, psychosocial and behavioural.</li> <li>- Intervention Planning including: medication, behavioural strategies, psycho-educational intervention, augmentative communication and assistance with referral to professional support resources.</li> <li>- Treatment monitoring and evaluation.</li> <li>- Caregiver training, community education</li> </ul>

<b>Prince George Eating Disorder Clinic</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-7479 NIHU, 1444 Edmonton St., Prince George, BC., V2M 6W5
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Can be accessed directly by clients, regardless of age, as well as by health care providers, educators and other community resources.</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provision of information for individuals with eating disorders, their families, health care professionals and educators.</li> <li>- Assessment, consultation, treatment and follow-up for individuals with eating disorders.</li> <li>- Resource material and pamphlets</li> </ul>

<b>Prince George Regional Hospital Dietitian</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-2000
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Access by a physician's referral</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consultation</li> </ul>

## Palliative Care

<b>PG Hospice Society</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-2551 Fax: 563-2485 3089 Clapperton St., PG, BC, V2L 5N4
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For youth 16 years to adults</li> <li>- Self or health care referral</li> </ul>

## Recreation

### Community Special Needs Recreation Club

*Contact Number:* 614-1785

**Description of Services:**

- Wednesdays, 1:00 – 3:00 P.M. at the Royal Canadian Legion
- Boccia, modified floor hockey, card Bingo, Karioke, movies, snacks, theme days

**Cost:**

- \$10.00 per year and minimal fees for lunches

### CP Sports

*Contact Number:* Judy Dix 561-7609 (work) 563-6749 (home)

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Youth with physical disabilities

**Description of Services:**

- Boccia; Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30; Quinson Elementary School; \$15; 964-8267
- Cycling; Spring to Fall; Multiplex parking lot; \$10
- Horseback Riding; April to September; fees charged, however advises on funding sources; Barb Warkentine 962-5082
- Swimming; Thursday 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.; Four Seasons Pool; \$40
- Track and Field; Saturday; Spring to Fall; Massey Place Stadium; PG Track and Field Club fees apply

**Cost:**

- Registration Fee: \$15 for over 16 years

### Disabled Skiing

*Contact Number:* 564-6293 Joan Lasure

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Customized for individual needs

**Description of Services:**

- Reduced ticket price at local ski hills

**Cost:**

- membership fee of \$25 for skier, \$20 for volunteer companion

### Karate

*Contact Number:* 964-2198 Peter Makowichuk

**Description of Services:**

- Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 P.M. at the Knights of Columbus Centre

**Cost:**

- Free

### Parks, B.C.

*Contact Number:* Please access through human resources office

**Description of Services:**

- Disabled Access Pass entitles the family to free use of camp grounds
- A form (available from the BC Parks office in Prince George) must be filled out and a doctor must certify that the youth/adult is permanently physically or mentally disabled.

<b>PG Therapeutic Riding Assoc.</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 962-5082 Barb Warkentine
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Special needs; disabilities of some sort</li> <li>- Age 3 ½ and up</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Horseback riding; runs April to mid-October
<b>Cost:</b>	- \$10 yearly fee; \$10 per session

<b>Red Cross Swim</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 561-7636 Four Seasons Pool
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Special Needs Swim session, Sundays, 10:00 – 11:30 A.M.</li> <li>- Lifeguards available to assist; no charge; immediate family included</li> </ul>

<b>Special Olympics</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-4190 Ivy Whitfield Main Registration – Pine Centre Mall September Recreation Mart
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Youth with mental handicaps
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>September to April</b></li> <li>- 5 Pin Bowling; Monday 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.; 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bowling</li> <li>- 10 Pin Bowling; Saturday 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; Strike Zone</li> <li>- Swimming; Monday and Wednesday 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Four Seasons Pool</li> <li>- Power Lifting; Tuesday 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.; Family Y</li> <li>- Rhythmic Gymnastics; Level I Tuesday 3:40 to 4:40; Level II and III Thursday 6:30 to 8:30; Level IV Monday 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.; Kinsman Hall</li> <li>- Curling; PG Curling Club</li> <li>- Speed Skating; with the Blizzard Skating Club</li> <li>- Snow Shoeing; no equipment needed</li> <li>- Cross Country Skiing; need own equipment</li> <li>- Alpine Skiing; need own equipment</li> <li>- <b>May to June</b></li> <li>- Track and Field</li> <li>- T-Ball</li> <li>- Softball</li> </ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	- \$20 covers all sports and three yearly socials

<b>Wheelchair Basketball</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-6942 <i>Contact:</i> Pat Harris
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Available for 12 years of age and up

## Respite – in home

<b>Home Support Workers</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-6890, Ministry for Children and Families
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Youth must have special needs.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Home Support Workers, support families caring for youth with special needs. There seems to be quite a bit of variation in different areas as to amount of funds available for these supports.

<b>Nursing Respite Program (NRP)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> Nursing Consultant for NRP at the Northern Interior Health Unit, Prince George, 565-7311.
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Youth must have care needs that require the knowledge and skills of a nurse in the absence of the primary caregivers.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- This program is intended to provide respite at the nursing level (RN or LPN) for those youth with care needs that require the knowledge and skills of a nurse in the absence of the primary caregivers (usually the parents). Some examples are youth who are: ventilator-dependent, tracheostomy-dependent, on peritoneal dialysis, on total parenteral nutrition, or who are at the end-stage of an illness in which their care needs require nursing judgement and intervention. - In the eight years that NRP has been a provincial program, there have been approximately 150 referrals, of which almost 30% were eligible to receive the service.

## Respite – out of home

<b>Aimhi Respite</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-6408 Fax: 564-6801 AimHi, 201 – 1268 – 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave., PG, BC, V2L 3L2
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- All through Ministry of Children and Families – nothing for the general public.

<b>Children's Residence</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-2260
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- This facility is available for youth up to the age of 19, who have mental, physical or sensory disabilities.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Respite is arranged on an overnight basis and youth can stay for a week or two at a time. - This is a heavily used service and families need to book ahead for space.

<b>Prince George Hospice Society</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-2481 Rotary House
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Prince George Hospice Society has trained volunteers available to support families caring for someone with a terminal condition. - This often includes providing respite to family members.

<b>Rainbow Adult Day Centre</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 649-7290
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Provides recreation for seniors and respite services.

<b>Rainbow Intermediate Care Home</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-9966
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- 1 respite bed available - 15 adult day spaces

<b>Simon Fraser Lodge</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-3413
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- 1 respite bed available

### Services to Blind and Visually Impaired

<b>Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-1702 Fax: 563-1787 Toll Free: 1-866-869-0343 (Kelowna Contact – Carolyn Hawkins)
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Orientation and Mobility - Low Vision Assessments - Rehabilitation Teaching - Braille taught if not taught in school - Newsletter monthly - CNIB Library for the Blind email: <a href="http://www.cnib.ca/library">www.cnib.ca/library</a> or phone 1-800-268-8818 - Correspondence for Braille for students and parents - Summer Reading Program - Summer Camp at Bowen Island; family camp; Braille camp - Graduates – Grants - Teaching life skills; Career and employment, i.e. job finding - The Tech Centre – adaptive technology for computers - The Access Shop – products for sale

### Sexuality

<b>GF Strong Centre (BC Rehab)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-604-737-6233 Fax: 1-604-737-6359 4255 Laurel St., Vancouver BC, V5Z 2G9
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- A physician's referral is required.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Able to see any adolescent with a physical disability who has concerns related to sexual health. - Some of the services include: counselling, education - Health care staff can attend educational workshops and obtain education materials.

**Sexual Health Resource Network**

*Contact Number:* 1-800-331-1533 or 1-604-435-8300  
 SunnyHill Health Centre for Children, Sexual Health Resource Network, 3644 Slocan St.,  
 Vancouver BC., V5M 3E8, Monday to Friday 9:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.  
 Ext. 8335 general info.; Ext. 8217 Librarian; Ext. 8436 Health Educator;  
 web site: [www.cw.bc.ca/Sunnyhill/Sexhealth](http://www.cw.bc.ca/Sunnyhill/Sexhealth)  
 Fax: 1-604-431-7395

**Description of Services:** - Offers a directory of service providers, training and education, resource information and library.

**Siblings****Hospice Society**

*Contact Number:* 563-2551

**Description of Services:** - Support program for children and teens re: grieving

**PLAN (Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network)**

*Phone:* 1-604-439-9566 *Web Site:* [www.plan.bcteladvanced.com](http://www.plan.bcteladvanced.com)

**Description of Services:** - Support and information, e.g. on how to set up a trust for the disabled person.  
 - There is a B.C. branch of this national organization

**Rainbows**

*Contact Number:* 562-2817

**Description of Services:** - Peer support groups for children, adolescents and adults who are experiencing or have experienced a loss, such as death or divorce.

**Support Groups for People and Families with Special Needs****Autism Society of British Columbia (Prince George)**

*Contact Number:* 561-0881

**Description of Services:** - Support for families with a member who has autism and autistic-like tendencies  
 - Includes Aspergers Syndrome  
 - Support and information sharing groups

<b>Brain Injured Group</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-2447 (Barb) Fax:564-6928 Executive Director: Alison Haygreen Email: <a href="mailto:pgbig@northernbc.com">pgbig@northernbc.com</a> web site: <a href="http://www.pgbig.ca">www.pgbig.ca</a>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Case management, Needs Assessments</li> <li>- Discussion groups; Peer group (18 to 19 years; Women's group (18 to 19 years)</li> <li>- Guest speakers</li> <li>- Socials; Drop-Ins; Activities (18 to 19 years)</li> <li>- Family Support Group (all ages, last Thursday of every month)</li> <li>- Speciality groups (Introductory groups and coping strategies).</li> <li>- See web site for further details</li> </ul>

<b>Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-1702 Fax: 563-1787
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Experiencing difficulty with vision loss</li> </ul>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Blindness counselling</li> <li>- Prevention and information</li> <li>- Social networking</li> </ul>

<b>Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder (CHADD)</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-2206 Collette
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Information and support for parents</li> </ul>

<b>Compassionate Friends</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 563-5583 (Annette) 964-4555 (Kym)
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Self-help group for parents who have experienced the death of a child</li> <li>- Siblings and grandparents welcome</li> <li>- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7 pm at Bereavement Centre on Ferry Ave.</li> </ul>

<b>Dyslexia Support Group</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-8011 Fax: 564-8055 Email: <a href="mailto:ldc@paralynx.com">ldc@paralynx.com</a>
<b>Description of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support group for parents and tutors</li> <li>- Multisensory tutoring</li> <li>- Access to resource library (membership required)</li> </ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$25.00 (resource library membership)</li> </ul>

<b>Epilepsy Society of PG</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-5260 (Anne)
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Seizure disorders
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Provide support to individuals with epilepsy and their families - Regular meetings at PGRH (second Tuesday of every month @ 7:00 P.M.)

<b>Family Support Institute</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 1-800-441-5403 Vancouver 564-5681 Terry Robertson (parent volunteer) 964-7747 Nadine Nicholson (parent volunteer) 962-5082 Barb Warkentine (parent volunteer)
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Resource for parents - Offers workshops - Support or assistance with appointments
<b>Cost:</b>	- Membership cost is \$25 a year/ this can be waived in some circumstances

<b>Family Support Program</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-6408
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Referrals come through Community Living Services, Ministry for Children and Families – must have an open file.
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Provides support to parents with mental disabilities - Provides support for families with a member who has a disability - Seminars - Support - Advocacy - Community and government resources

<b>On Trac Independent Living</b>	<i>Contact:</i> Marvene Layte: 612-2031
<b>Description of Services</b>	Society assists persons with disabilities to be independent and to be part of their community. Meet monthly.

<b>Parents Helping Parents Support Group</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 564-5681 (Terry) 562-1769 (Lorraine) parents of children with disabilities
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Birth to adulthood
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Meetings once a month - Support groups - Advocacy work - Information sharing - Recreational activities - Networking
<b>Cost:</b>	- \$10.00 (to cover coffee and snacks)

<b>Tourette Syndrome Support Group</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 562-4289
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Phone support - Resource library - Presentations for groups or organizations - Networking - Pamphlets - Information - Meetings held based on interest
<b>Cost:</b>	- Can join the Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada (1-800-361-3120)

## Therapy Services

<b>Northern Interior Health Unit</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 565-7371
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Hearing assessments (Audiology)

## Transport

<b>Carefree Bus Service</b>	<i>Contact Number:</i> 562-1394
<b>Eligibility Requirements:</b>	- Must be special needs
<b>Description of Services:</b>	- Mondays to Fridays from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday one bus only 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Book one day in advance

**SPARC BC-Parking Permits**

Contact Number: 1-604-718-7744 [www.sparc.bc.ca/parkingpermit/permit\\_faq.html](http://www.sparc.bc.ca/parkingpermit/permit_faq.html)  
#201-221 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Vancouver

**Description of Services:**

- The Parking Permit Program, operated by the Social Planning and Research Council of BC, issues parking permits to enable people with disabilities to legally park in designated zones throughout BC. Requires a completed application with information from a physician.

**Cost:**

- \$15.00

**Travel Assistance Program  
(Ministry of Health)**

Contact Number: 1-800-661-2668 Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Contact TAP before making travel arrangements to verify eligibility

**Description of Services:**

- Travel discounts to eligible B.C. residents who must travel for non-emergency medical services not available in their own community and whose travel expenses are not covered by third party insurance or other government programs.
- A caregiver may accompany the youth; both are eligible for discounts. A physician must certify that a caregiver is required.
- Must be referred to the required medical service by a physician; obtain a TAP application form from the referring physician; that office/clinic will complete and sign it
- Eligible medical services for which travel is necessary are quite narrowly defined; dentistry, psychology, optometry, physiotherapy, etc. are not eligible

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