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## **Advocacy**

### [Battered Women's Support Services](#)

Counselling and advocacy, support groups, information and referrals for battered women. Training and education on violence against women for a wide range of audiences, from youth to professionals. My Sister's Closet, a thrift boutique, where battered women can get vouchers for free clothing and household items. Rewarding and educational volunteer opportunities

### [Disability Alliance BC \(Formerly BC Coalition of People with Disabilities\)](#)

The Disability Alliance BC is a not-for-profit organization that represents people with all types of disabilities throughout BC. Their mandate is to raise public and political awareness around issues of concern to the disability communities and to create change.

### [BC Council for Families](#)

We understand the needs of families and we develop programs, services and resources to help families. Because we're here to strengthen and support families and family-serving professionals in BC.

### [BC Human Rights Tribunal](#)

The BC Human Rights Tribunal is an independent, quasi-judicial body created by the Human Rights Code. It is responsible for accepting, screening, mediating, and adjudicating human rights complaints covered by the Human Rights Code in BC.

### [BC Society for Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse](#)

A non-profit society, established to provide therapeutic services for males who have been sexually abused at some time in their lives. As specifically outlined in our constitution, our purposes are to: Provide treatment and support services to male survivors of sexual abuse and support for significant relatives and others of the survivors.

### [Canadian Human Rights Commission](#)

The Canadian Human Rights Commission aims to settle complaints of discrimination in employment, to ensure that federally regulated employers provide equal opportunities for designated groups, and to develop information and discrimination prevention programs.

### [Canadian Red Cross](#)

The Canadian Red Cross mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity in Canada and around the world.

### [Capital City Volunteer Services Association](#)

For more than 20 years Capital City Volunteers has provided support to isolated seniors and adults with disabilities, in order to improve their quality of life and keep them independent in their own homes.

### [Employment Standards Branch](#)

The Employment Standards Branch administers the Employment Standards Act and Regulation, which set minimum standards of wages and working conditions in most workplaces.

### [Fraser Valley Self Advocacy Network](#)

The Fraser Valley Self Advocacy Network believes that all people in the community should be treated with respect and dignity, especially if they have a disability. Our Mission is to change the people attitudes towards people with disabilities and to prove that we can live normal lives in the community. Yes we have our struggles, so does everyone else in the world. But we can do pretty much what everyone else can; it just might take us a little longer. Self-Advocates wishes and hopes that one day we'll be more accepted in our communities.

### [Greater Vancouver Community Services Society](#)

The mission of Greater Vancouver Community Services Society is to support, through the delivery of services in our facilities or in the community, the independence and well-being of the elderly, people with disabilities, and those individuals disadvantaged by financial, physical and psychosocial conditions.

### [Health and Home Care Society of BC](#)

The Health and Home Care Society of BC is an independent and BC-based not-for-profit organization. Since 1898, we have taken care of British Columbians through healthcare initiatives tailored to the communities we serve.

### [Mental Health Action Research & Advocacy Association of Greater Vancouver](#)

The ARA Mental Health Action, Research & Advocacy Association of Greater Vancouver seeks to

work in a cooperative, non-competitive way, with the existing services in enhancing the quality of life for people living in the community. We provide crisis intervention for consumers/survivors preventing exploitations and harm at the hands of the system, including: Finances – Housing – Referrals – Child Apprehensions – Locating Resources – Appeals & Tribunals – ...AND MORE!

#### [Persons with Disabilities Online](#)

This site provides access to services and information for persons with disabilities, family members, caregivers and all Canadians.

#### [Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network \(PLAN\)](#)

PLAN's mission is to help families secure the future for their relative with a disability and to provide you with peace of mind. This means ending isolation and loneliness, creating financial security, enabling everyone to make a contribution, ensuring choice, and creating genuine homes.

#### [PovNet](#)

PovNet is an online resource for advocates, people on welfare, and community groups and individuals involved in anti-poverty work, providing up-to-date information about resources in British Columbia and Canada.

#### [Residential Tenancy Branch](#)

The Residential Tenancy Branch provides landlords and tenants with dispute resolution services and information under British Columbia's Residential Tenancy Act and Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act.

### **Arts and Culture**

#### [Artists Helping Artists](#)

An inclusive community-based artists cooperative that provides artists with space, affordable materials and the opportunity to pursue their aspirations concerning artistic expression.

#### [Dandelion Youth Theatre](#)

We offer customized theatre experiences for youth with disabilities; enhancing confidence and self-awareness, inspiration and joy.

#### [Gallery Gachet](#)

Named after Vincent Van Gogh's homeopathic doctor, Paul Gachet, we provide the artists informed by mental health issues with opportunities to exhibit, curate, perform, read, teach and to develop their leadership skills. Located at 88 East Cordova Street, close to the diverse populations that reside in Vancouver's neighborhoods.

#### [Theatre Terrific](#)

Theatre Terrific brings together artists who would normally never work together. Our diverse ensembles include professional and emerging artists with or without developmental, physical, or mental health issues, gender or language challenges.

### [Vancouver Adapted Music Society](#)

Vancouver Adapted Music Society (VAMS) was founded in the late 1980s to support and promote musicians with physical disabilities in the Metro Vancouver area. Our programs involve people with a wide range of musical abilities, from first-timers to highly talented musicians.

### **Children & Family**

#### [Association for the Benefit of Children With Disabilities](#)

ABCD is a Central Okanagan-based incorporated non-profit society whose vision consists of a community where people with disabilities are supported to be full citizens.

#### [BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities](#)

The British Columbia Lions Society for Children with Disabilities provides programs and services designed specifically to promote self-esteem and self-confidence.

#### [BC Easter Seals Camps](#)

BC Easter Seals Camps provide free overnight summer camping experiences for children and teens with physical and/or mental disabilities throughout British Columbia.

#### [BC Lions- Patient Care Grants](#)

The families of children with disabilities often face extremely high costs, not covered by other medical plans. Patient Care Grants cover some of the costs for therapeutic equipment and prosthetics as well as transportation and accommodation to Easter Seals House.

#### [BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities – Educational Awards](#)

The Society established a number of endowment awards with post-secondary schools to help benefit children with disabilities moving into adulthood.

#### [Canucks Place Children's Hospice](#)

Canuck Place Children's Hospice provides specialized pediatric palliative care for children living with a life-threatening illness and support for their families throughout British Columbia

#### [Childhood Cancer Canada Foundation](#)

The Childhood Cancer Foundation ~ Candlelighters Canada is a national volunteer charitable organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for families experiencing the effects of childhood cancer through the provision of resources, parent support and the promotion of research.

#### [Child Development Centres](#)

To provide specially designed, equipped and maintained facilities for special needs children to receive physical and occupational therapy in the Fraser Valley and Dawson Creek areas.

#### [Children's Heart Network](#)

The Children's Heart Network is a provincial, non-profit organization offering support, information and education to families, children and youth dealing with congenital or acquired heart disease.

For families such as ours whose children have been diagnosed with heart disease, many of our hopes and dreams are different than we planned. We are challenged in ways that we never could have imagined.

#### [Children's Miracle Network](#)

Every year, Children's Miracle Network hospitals treat 17 million children for every disease and injury imaginable. Children's Miracle Network hospitals impact the lives of more children than any other children's organization in the world. Children's hospitals provide state-of-the-art care, life-saving research and preventative education for children 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

#### [Easter Seals Houses](#)

Since 1955, the BC Lions Society has provided a "home away from home" for families visiting Vancouver, Victoria or Prince George to obtain medical treatment.

#### [Easter Seals Buses](#)

We have specially-equipped buses leased to private agencies transporting children to hospitals, schools, treatment centres and recreational facilities in communities around the province.

#### [Eureka Outdoor Camp](#)

Eureka Outdoor Camp is operated by Eureka Camp Society. The Society has been offering outdoor recreational programs for children and adolescents with invisible disabilities since 1980.

#### [Family Network for Deaf Children \(FNDC\)](#)

Founded by parents of deaf children, Family Network for Deaf Children (FNDC) offers workshops, videos, and a newsletter and information bulletins supporting and providing information to parents of Deaf and hard-of-hearing children and the communities that support them.

#### [Family Services of Greater Vancouver](#)

At some point in life, everyone gets stuck. Since 1928, people experiencing challenges have been turning to Family Services of Greater Vancouver—a community-based not-for-profit organization providing crucial social services to children, youth, adults, and families across Vancouver, Richmond, Burnaby, New Westminster, and Surrey. We offer support, provide hope, and present opportunities—helping people realize and create possibilities for themselves. All of our work is about building healthy, vibrant tomorrows.

#### [Frazer Valley Child Development Centre](#)

Provides services that enhance the quality of life of children with disabilities and their families through direct therapy, early intervention, family support, and community education

#### [Help Fill a Dream](#)

"Help Fill A Dream supports Vancouver Island children with life-threatening conditions. Our 'continuum of care' insures families can attend to their children in hospital, provide the necessary equipment and ramps at home and, once life has regained some sense of normalcy, fulfill a dream the child may have. We inspire hope, health and happiness. Please visit our website for more information".

### [Juvenile Diabetes Canada](#)

JDFC's mission is to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research.

### [Kids Up Front Vancouver](#)

Kids Up Front is a charitable organization that provides access to arts, culture, sports and recreation for kids who otherwise would not have the opportunity.

### [BC Lions Laser Skin Centre](#)

The Lions Laser Skin Centre, located at Vancouver Hospital and BC Children's Hospital, utilizes the latest in medical and laser technology to remove port wine stains and other types of disfiguring birthmarks and skin pigmentation. The Centre's four lasers enable children and adults from around BC to gain the confidence to face the challenges of everyday life.

### [Ronald McDonald House of Charities of Canada](#)

These are things that every child needs – and deserves – to have. Helping to provide these things is what we do. By creating, finding and supporting programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children, Ronald McDonald House Charities is working to better the lives of children and their families around the world.

### [Sources BC](#)

Sources is a community-based non-profit agency. We are a partner agency with the United Way of the Lower Mainland and fully accredited by the Council on Accreditation for Children and Family Services.

### [The Centre for Child Development](#)

Helping children with special needs reach their potential

### [Variety the Children's Charity of BC](#)

The Children's Charity are the people that make it all happen. From the hard-working board of directors and staff to the dedicated members and volunteers – these individuals take pride in their roles in making life brighter for BC's children with special needs.

### [Zajac Ranch for Children](#)

The Zajac Ranch for Children provides a summer camp experience for children with serious or chronic illness or disabilities.

## **Education & Employment**

### [Abilities Business Cooperative](#)

The Abilities Business Cooperative offers products and services to businesses and individuals within the Metro Vancouver region. The co-op brings together self-employed people with disabilities to support each other, exchange products and services, market collectively and attract the business community.

### [Adult Learning Development Association](#)

ALDA is a non-profit charity serving adults who have learning disabilities and learning difficulties

### [Be Your Own Boss](#)

Beyourownboss.org is a portal provided by the BC Urban Entrepreneur Development Association (BCUEDA), and is designed to assist new entrepreneurs by providing resources and direction as they pursue the challenge of being their own boss. Each year in the greater Vancouver area, our members facilitate the start-up of more than 600 businesses through the intensive forty-eight week Self-Employment Program, and assist another 500 businesses through our support, assessment workshops and one-on-one counseling.

### [BC Centre for Ability: Employment Resource Centre](#)

Vocational Programs for youth and adults are designed to support people with disabilities to get access to training or employment. The Centre supports adults of working age, legally entitled to work in Canada with a disability or a chronic health condition.

### [BC Employnet](#)

BC Employnet is a network of people providing employment support services to people with developmental disabilities in BC. The network was founded in the spring of 2008 by a group of 25 people attending a retreat at Edenvale hosted by the BC Association for Community Living.

### [BC Ministry of Education](#)

All students should have equitable access to learning, opportunities for achievement, and the pursuit of excellence in all aspects of their educational programs. The purpose of Special Education is to enable the equitable participation of students with special needs in the educational system in British Columbia.

### [Built Network](#)

Built Network empowers individuals with personal and professional skills in a supportive environment, which leads to increased self-esteem, confidence and self-reliance

### [Discovery School](#)

Discovery School is a non-denominational Christian School which specializes in meeting the needs of the individual, by presenting each student with an individual program.

### [Disability Resource Network](#)

The Disability Resource Network (DRN) is a provincial organization committed to providing programs and services, professional development, resources and news events that effect individuals who have a disability (disabilities), in the British Columbia Post-Secondary Education system.

### [Gastown Vocational Services](#)

Gastown Vocational Services provides vocational and career planning services, assessment, work readiness skill training programs, work experience placements, and supportive employment services to individuals with mental health disabilities. The goal and focus of GVS is to improve an

individual's employment skills and strengths, and to encourage vocational and functional independence.

#### [Gibsons Family Network \(GFN\)](#)

Gibsons Family Network (GFN) is a non-profit charitable organization with a vision of helping people with disabilities to find meaningful, integrated employment and support within our community.

#### [First Nations Education Steering Committee \(FNESC\)](#)

The First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) is an independent society that is committed to improving education for all First Nations learners in British Columbia. FNESC is led by representatives of First Nations across the province.

#### [Learning Disabilities Association](#)

A non-profit community organization committed to fostering the full potential of persons with learning disabilities.

#### [Link Up](#)

Our aim is to reach out to an ever-widening circle of persons with disabilities and to offer an ever-widening range of services to this circle. By continuing to reach out and offer our services, we make it possible for more and more persons with disabilities to make a contribution towards the economic life of their city and allow more and more businesses access to the entire pool of talent available when filling their positions. We will consider ourselves truly successful when all persons with disabilities have been allowed this chance and all companies given access to all job candidates available.

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#### [National Adult Literacy Database](#)

Canada's Literacy and Essential Skills Network

#### [Open Door Group](#)

Open Door Group offers innovative leisure programs and a variety of employment programs that serve unemployed British Columbians, including persons with disabilities and barriers to employment. Our services are free to participants and employers looking to hire great staff.

#### [OneStop Business Registration](#)

The OneStop Business Registry is a public sector partnership offering integrated Business Registration and Business Address Change services based on the Business Number. Find information on starting your business. Choose the business name and get it approved. Ready to register your business. Incorporate your company. Change your business address. .org is a portal

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#### [Pathways Information Centre](#)

Based in the downtown eastside of Vancouver, the mission of Tradeworks Training Society is to actively serve the community by empowering people with job related education, life skills counselling, and job search support

#### [The British Columbia Association of Professionals with Disabilities](#)

The British Columbia Association of Professionals with Disabilities is a provincially incorporated non-profit dedicated to maximizing the inclusion, job retention, and advancement of current and future professionals with disabilities.

#### [The Greater Vancouver Business Leadership Network](#)

The Greater Vancouver Business Leadership Network (GVBLN) uses a business to business approach to promote the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the workforce.

#### [The National Education Association of Disabled Students](#)

The National Educational Association of Disabled Students is a consumer organization, with a mandate to encourage the self-empowerment of post-secondary students with disabilities. NEADS advocates for increased accessibility at all levels so that disabled students may gain equal access to college or university education, which is their right. The Association provides information on services and programs for students with disabilities nationwide, publishes a regular newsletter, and conducts research on issues of importance to its members. Members include disabled students, educators, organizations and professional service providers.

#### [Tradeworks Training Society](#)

Based in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver, B.C. Tradeworks Training Society helps foster sustainable independence by providing job-related skills, training and knowledge and work opportunities. We believe that in order to be most effective we must be responsive to the community and sensitive to the individual by providing a safe, supportive and equitable learning and working environment.

#### [Triumph Vocational Services](#)

Triumph Vocational Services creates opportunities for people with disabilities in British Columbia to develop skills, increase independence and participate in the workplace (services areas outside of the lower mainland)

#### [Victoria READ Society](#)

We believe that everyone has the basic right to literacy skills. Our mandate is to provide literacy and numeracy support to children, youth and adults, and to ensure that our whole community

recognizes that societal and economic issues arising from low-level literacy affect us all. Victoria READ Society's Mission is to help students of all ages in the greater Victoria area learn basic academic skills through small classes, individualized help and a supportive, caring environment.

#### [Vancity A.B.L.E.D. \(Advice & Business Loans for Entrepreneurs with Disabilities\)](#)

The Vancity ABLED program, backed By Western Economic Diversification Canada, aims to provides the entrepreneur with a disability viable options for financing either the launch or expansion of a small business, while also providing through business planning training, coaching, or mentoring.

#### [WorkAble Solutions](#)

This site will help you connect with BC's vast pool of skilled, talented job seekers with disabilities. You can also access a number of support resources by clicking the Resources tab shown above. You can manage your job postings, search for and contact job seekers, and receive applications. Bookmark this site, and visit us often to manage your postings as well as check out new candidates.

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#### [Building Opportunities with Business Inner City Society](#)

Building Opportunities with Business Inner City Society offers job postings and customized training opportunities for people in the downtown east side and surrounding area who identify having barriers to employment.

### [Link-Up Employment Services for Persons with Disabilities](#)

Linking abilities to the workplace'. LinkUp has spent the past 15 years working job seekers with disabilities to employment suited to their qualifications and abilities.

### [Neil Squire Society](#)

Neil Squire Society uses technology, knowledge and passion to empower Canadians with physical disabilities

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## **Health & Wellness**

### [The Disability Foundation](#)

The foundation provides opportunities for people with disabilities. It promotes the capabilities and talents of people with physical challenges, once barriers in the physical landscape have been overcome.

### [The Tetra Society of North America](#)

The Tetra Society of North America is one of the six affiliated societies that make up the Sam Sullivan Disability Foundation.

### [Connectra Society](#) – Creating opportunities for people with disabilities

ConnecTra Society, Vancouver, BC: linking people with physical disabilities to activities and programs.

### [BC Association for Individualized Technology and Supports for People with Disabilities](#)

The BC Paraplegic Association provides peer support and rehabilitation counselling, information services, employment services and advocacy and offers support and community-based rehabilitation programs for people with spinal cord injuries and other physical disabilities across the province.

### [Disability Resource Centre](#)

Working for Inclusion, Independence and Empowerment

### [Disabled Services Clothing](#)

A Dressing Needs – Disabled Services Clothing improves dressing routines for individuals living with a disability, offering a line of adaptive garments, and a custom design service which provides solutions for unique dressing needs.

### [ErgoCanada](#)

Computer-related ergonomic products including keyboards, mice, touchpads, trackballs, footswitches, LCD monitor arms, arm and foot rests, etc.

### [George Pearson Centre](#)

The George Pearson Centre provides long-term residential care to adult residents who require specialized assistance as a result of disabilities, such as multiple sclerosis, spinal cord and traumatic brain injury, cerebral palsy, and a variety of other conditions.

### [GF Strong](#)

GF Strong is BC's largest rehabilitation centre, providing inpatient, outpatient, outreach and clinical support services to clients/patients in four unique programs: Acquired Brain Injury, Spinal Cord Injury, Arthritis and Neuromusculoskeletal.

### [Rick Hansen Man in Motion Foundation](#)

The Rick Hansen Foundation works to create more accessible and inclusive communities for people with a spinal cord injury, and supports the search for a cure.

## **Mobility**

### [Access to Recreation](#)

An online store of recreational adapted equipment

### [Cambie Cycles](#)

Cambie Cycles provides a variety of bicycles, including recumbent bikes, tandem bikes, adaptive bikes and etc.

### [Greater Vancouver Community Services Society](#)

GVCSS is a non-profit society that supports the health and well-being of the elderly, and individuals with disabilities and illnesses.

## [Translink](#)

TransLink plans, finances, implements and champions an integrated transportation system that moves people and goods safely and efficiently, supporting Metro Vancouver's regional growth strategy, air quality objectives and economic development.

## [Motion Specialties BC Ltd.](#)

Motion Specialties offers a wide selection of medical aids and supplies, mobility devices and adaptive seating systems for individuals with limited mobility.

## **Recreation & Leisure**

### [Access to Recreation](#)

An online store of recreational adapted equipment

### [Access 2 Entertainment](#)

The Access 2 Entertainment™ card provides free admission (or a significant discount) for support persons accompanying a person with a disability at member movie theatres across Canada. The person with the disability pays regular admission. This program was developed by an advisory group of nine national disability organizations, in conjunction with Cineplex Entertainment.

### [Access to Travel](#)

Access to Travel, your special needs information source. A government website that provides information on accessible transportation and travel across Canada with the aim of making accessible travel easy and enjoyable!

### [BC Blind Sports & Recreation Association](#)

The BC Blind Sports and Recreation Association is a not for profit association of individuals who are blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, or are blind and have additional disabilities; and their families and other supporters.

### [BC Mobility Opportunities Society](#)

BC Mobility Opportunities Society provides opportunities for people with significant physical disabilities to access wilderness hiking expeditions

### [BC Wheelchair Basketball Society](#)

BC Wheelchair Basketball Society provides support to wheelchair basketball programs throughout British Columbia.

### [BC Wheelchair Sport Association](#)

BC Wheelchair Sports is a not-for-profit organization devoted to providing opportunities for athletes with physical disabilities.

### [BC Disability Games](#)

BC Disability Games offers recreational and competitive sports opportunities for people with a disability as a part of the Canadian Sport for Life Framework.

### [BC Special Olympics](#)

Our Mission: To provide individuals with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to enrich their lives and celebrate personal achievement through positive sports experiences.

### [Canadian Wheelchair Dancing Academy](#)

The Canadian Wheelchair Dance Academy connects wheelchair users to the sheer pleasure of music and dance. Participants, together with a dancing partner or in formation groups, learn movement, style and patterns in a variety of dances. Dancers can be all ages, mobility and skill levels. They invite you to join the dance.

### [Community Recreational Initiatives Society \(CRIS\)](#)

The Community Recreational Initiatives Society (CRIS) Adaptive Adventures unites volunteers with outdoor enthusiasts with disabilities, and using adaptive equipment, provide outdoor adventures that improve the quality of life for everyone.

### [Disabled Independent Gardeners Association](#)

Gardening workshops and events specifically for persons with disabilities

### [Disabled Sailing Association](#)

Disabled Sailing Association provides opportunities for people with significant physical disabilities to participate in the sport and recreation of sailing

### [Easy Gliders](#)

BC Mobility Opportunities Society runs its gliding program, Easy Gliders, in conjunction with Pemberton Soaring Centre.

### [Pacific Northwest Scuba Challenge Association \(PRDA\)](#)

The PRDA provides therapeutic horseback riding to individuals with physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities.

### [Power Soccer BC](#)

Power Soccer is a fast paced, competitive sport for persons with disabilities who use electric wheelchairs.

### [Power to Be Adventure Therapy](#)

Power to Be Adventure Therapy provides adventure based programs for people of all abilities

### [Richmond Therapeutic Equestrian Society](#)

Provides a quality therapeutic riding program to benefit children and youth with disabilities

### [Southlands Therapeutic Riding Program](#)

STARS provides therapeutic riding including remedial/educational riding, hippotherapy, and sport riding.

### [SportAbility –Cerebral Palsy Sports Association of BC](#)

SportAbility BC is a multi sport society ensuring and facilitating opportunities in physical activity and sport. We enable all British Columbians who have a physical disability to enhance their quality of life by being active in their community – and beyond.

### [Stan Stronge Pool](#)

An aquatic facility for people with disabilities

### [The Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association \(CTRA\)](#)

The Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association (CTRA) promotes and facilitates access to horses as a therapeutic alternative for all members of our community. CTRA seeks to enrich the lives of all people involved in our programs through the power of the human-equine bond.

### [The Disabled Skiers Association of BC](#)

The Disabled Skiers Association of BC is a registered Canadian Charity, working with hundreds of volunteers to provide opportunities for all persons with a disability to enjoy the freedom and therapeutic benefits of skiing and snowboarding.

### [Valley Therapeutic Equestrian Association](#)

Valley Therapeutic Equestrian Association is a non-profit charitable organization that has provided therapeutic horseback riding for children and adults with all forms of disabilities since 1983

### [Vancouver Adaptive Snow Sports \(VASS\)](#)

VASS provides ski and snowboard programs for persons with a disability at Grouse Seymour and Cypress.

### [Vancouver Ocean Sports](#)

Vancouver Ocean sports, formally known as Pogues Sports Canoe Club, is the only club in Vancouver that offers programs for everyone. From recreational to competitive, adaptive to junior, we truly are a club for the community and all its residents. Join us for Outrigger, Dragon Boating, Kayaking and fun.

### [Vancouver Parks Board Adapted Fitness Programs](#)

Many programs have been adapted to enable people with various disabilities to participate. Above is a list of facilities that offer a wide variety of programs, including adapted aquatic programs.

### [Whistler Adaptive Sports Program](#)

Whistler Adaptive Sports Program is a not-for-profit society which provides year round sorts and recreational activities for persons with disabilities of all ages.

## **Technology and Assistive Devices**

### [Assistive Technology BC](#)

Our Program is a government initiative to provide special technology services to support post-secondary students or employees who have a disability

### [GF Strong Rehab Centre, Assistive Technology and Seating Services \(ATSS\)](#)

Assistive Technology and Seating Services (ATSS) supports clinicians and rehabilitation professionals working with adults and adolescents with disabilities in the public health system of British Columbia and the Yukon.

### [Motion Specialties BC Ltd.](#)

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### [Neil Squire Society](#)

We use Technology, Knowledge and Passion to Empower Canadians with Physical Disabilities

### [Tetra Society of North America](#)

Dedicated to assisting people with disabilities to achieve an independent and fulfilling life, one assistive device at a time