

Programs: Children Who Require Additional Support

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BC Centre for Ability

Provides early intervention therapy, rehabilitation and vocational services for young children with physical, neurological and developmental challenges.

Get in Touch:

Phone: 604-451-5511

Alternate Phone: Richmond: 604-320-5817

Website: <http://www.bc-cfa.org>

Program Information

The BC Centre for Ability wants to help you and your family with giving your child the best life possible. If your child has a disability, developmental delays, or you just have questions, they're here to help.

What they do:

- Brain Injury Services
- Social Emotional Services
- Therapy Services
- Vocational Services
- Family and Professional Resources

BC Centre for Ability Main Office

2805 Kingsway
Vancouver, BC V5R 5H9
Tel: (604) 451-5511
Web: www.bc-cfa.org

BC Centre for Ability Richmond Office

Sprouts Early Child Development Hub
3368 Carscallen Road
Richmond, BC V6X 2H6
Tel: (604) 320-5817

Family Resources and Coordination

Provides information, resources and/or support to family members who face the extraordinary circumstances that come with having a family member with a developmental disability.

Get in Touch:

Phone: 604-242-3516

Website: <https://aspirerichmond.com/family-resource/>

Program Information

Services include:

- Refers families to services and programs offered by community partners
- Can act as an advocate for the family to ensure appropriate continuum of care
- Assists with life transitions such as from services for children to services for adults
- Family networking
- Training and information sessions



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Family Support Institute

Strengthen and supports families who have a family member with a disability.

Program Information

The Family Support Institute is run by families like yours. They provide information, resources, and training. All of their workshops are written, and run by families. Some workshops include:

- Key roles for families in ensuring good lives
- Families leading the way
- Preschool transitions
- Registered disability savings plan

Get in Touch:

Phone: 1-800-441-5403

Website: <http://www.familysupportbc.com>

Infant Development Program

Provides support for children birth to 3 years of age who may have or are at risk of a delay in development.

Program Information

This program is for families whose child has a developmental delay, at risk for one, or has a diagnosis which could lead to a developmental delay. Services are available in English, Cantonese and Mandarin.

Program services include:

- Home visits to encourage your child's progress through play-based activities
- Parent/caregiver support in your first language
- Assistance in understanding and responding to your child's needs
- Education in typical and atypical development, and disabilities
- Screening tools such as questionnaires and developmental assessments to determine your child's strengths and needs
- Written reports and records documenting your child's ongoing progress
- Toy and book-lending library
- Connections with other available services and community professionals
- Help including your child in community activities
- Support for families in advocating for their child

Download a copy of their [handbook](#)!

Get in Touch:

Phone: 604-279-7016

Website:

<https://aspirerichmond.com/our-services/early-intervention/infant-development-program/>

PACE

Pace is a healing and learning centre for children with significant emotional and/or behavioural challenges and their families.

Program Information

Pace offers general and child-specific support to preschools and child care centres through Outreach Support Services. Programs and services they offer are:

Get in Touch:

Phone: 604-266-3141

Website: <https://thepaceprogram.ca/>

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- Outreach support services
- Supporting healthy transitions
- PACE Family Program (therapeutic preschool)
- Therapy for children (Play, Art, and expressive Arts)

Respite Care

Respite care providers give families a break by spending a few hours or an over-night period with their child with developmental disabilities.

Program Information

Sometimes you just need a few hours to yourself, or even a night. The respite care program can do that for you, whether it's to get things done around the house, or if you just need to rest and renew.

[Download a copy](#) of their Adult Respite Handbook

[Download a copy](#) of their Children's Respite Handbook

Get in Touch:

Phone: 604-279-8245

Website: <https://aspirerichmond.com/family-respite/>

Supported Child Development

Helps families with children with special needs / developmental delays to access childcare.

Program Information

This program helps you make the tough decisions on where to bring your child. They help find licensed childcare who offer additional support to your child's needs.

Program Services Include:

- Planning
- Training
- Resources
- Hands on support

Download a copy of their [handbook](#)!

Get in Touch:

Phone: 604-279-7010

Website:

<https://aspirerichmond.com/our-services/early-intervention/supported-child-development-program/>

Autism Information Services British Columbia (AIS BC)

Provides information and supports for autism and related disorders to families, service providers, and community professionals across the province.

Program Information

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Get in Touch:

Phone: 1 844 878-4700

Email: AutismInformation@gov.bc.ca

Website: <http://autisminfo.gov.bc.ca>



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BC can assist by providing information on assessment and diagnosis; best practice treatment options; learning about and navigating the Autism Funding Program; paperwork; finding and hiring professionals; identifying and accessing provincial and local-level community supports and services; and managing transitions across infancy, preschool, school-age and emerging adulthood.

Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

The C.O.D.E. Initiative

The C.O.D.E. Initiative is at the forefront of empowering youth, particularly neurodivergent and autistic youth, through tailored STEM workshops and coding classes.

Program Information

The C.O.D.E. Initiative is a female-founded non-profit organization that stands for Creating Opportunities and Defining Education.

In 2021, The C.O.D.E Initiative was awarded a grant from the BC Tech Association's Digital Lift program. This funding has allowed the organization to create the codewithCODE bursary program. The aim is to increase access to inclusive coding education, by breaking down cost barriers for those with financial need. Close to 200 workshop bursaries will be distributed through the application process, **allowing neurodivergent students to register for courses at no cost** to their families.

The codewithCODE program is open to children aged 6 to 17, who are diagnosed or self-identify as *neurodivergent*.

What is meant by neurodivergent?

Neurodivergent means students who are diagnosed or self-identify as being on the **Autism Spectrum** or having **ADD/ADHD, Dyslexia, GAD, or any other special needs or intellectual or developmental disabilities**. It also mean any student who has any sort of exceptionality or **learning difference** that would benefit from 1:1 teaching.

Get in Touch:

Email: engagement@thecodeinitiative.ca

Website: <http://thecodeinitiative.ca/codewithcode>

