



Focus Disability Network Meeting

Please Note: Program Introductions will begin promptly at 8:45am

Date & Time: Monday May 25, 2009
8:45 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.

Location: Communitas Supportive Care Society
103-2776 Bourquin Cresc. W
Abbotsford, BC
Tel: 604-850-6608

- 8:45 – 9:00** **Networking opportunities** with colleagues who assist persons with disabilities (bring your business cards and brochures).
- 9:00 – 9:15** **Introductions, program updates**, information on new or changing community based programs or initiatives that are part of providing services to people with disabilities.
- 9:15 – 9:45** **Ben Gardiner** from **BC Hydro**, will present their Power Smart energy savings kits, which are offered free for qualifying low income households. The tools in the kit will also increase the comfort of our clients' homes, and help reduce the overall impact on the environment.
- 9:45 – 10:15** **Arlene Schouten** from **MSA Society** will talk about representation agreements that give someone the power to make important decisions for those who are not competent to do so. Changes in the legislation make this an important consideration for your clients.
- 10:15 – 10:30** **REFRESHMENT BREAK**
- 10:30 – 11:00** **Elsie Kipp** from **PeerNetBC** will talk about their program that offers support and training to peer support groups as well as a youth-led program that focuses on youth having more input into decision making in their communities.
- 11:00 – 11:15** **Pamela Willis** from **Fraser Valley Women's Resource Centre** will give us an overview of their services which are focused on reducing the incidence of domestic violence, and how they facilitate inclusion of women and children with disabilities.
- 11:15 – 11:45** **Wendy Aguilar** from **Mission Public School** will talk about her role as **Settlement Worker In Schools**, eligibility for the program, and scope of services provided to immigrant families with special needs children and youth.

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