



Focus Disability Network Meeting

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

Date & Time: Monday May 26 2008
8:30 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.

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

- 8:30 – 8:45** **Networking opportunities** with colleagues who assist persons with disabilities (bring your business cards, and brochures).
- 8:45 – 9:00** **Introductions, program updates**, information on new or changing community based programs or initiatives that are part of providing services to people with disabilities.
- 9:00 – 9:15** **Glen Whitfield, University of the Fraser Valley**, will explain how the current cuts to programming for persons with disabilities and the change to university status will impact students with disabilities.
- 9:15 – 9:30** **Richard Ashton, MSA Society**, will update us on the activities and programs of this local agency that serves people with developmental disabilities.
- 9:30 – 9:45** **Constable Wanda Lane from Abbotsford Police** will provide information about an information form available to the public who wish to advise Emergency Personnel that there is a person/persons with a disability living in the residence, in order to provide additional information to responders.
- 9:45 – 10:00** **Teresa Pippus, South Fraser Community Futures**, will tell us about the upcoming new federal self-employment program for persons with disabilities.
- 10:00 – 10:15** **REFRESHMENT BREAK**
- 10:15 – 10:45** **Robyn Newton from SPARC (Social Planning and Research Council of BC)**, will address the general work of this organization in the areas of accessibility and specific research that has been undertaken to promote inclusion for people with disabilities. There will also be an opportunity to discuss gaps in these areas as they pertain to your work.
- 10:45 – 11:00** **Mary-Lee Rudance of Community Living BC**, will talk about the newly created Ethics Committee to promote ethical practice in all areas of CLBC services.
- 11:00 – 11:20** **Virginia Renaud of FV Autism society** will provide an overview of the development and this society's accreditation. She will also discuss how to recognize autism and the best way to interact with this type of client.
- 11:20 – 11:45** **Richard Molyneux of Access WORKS** will tell us about how to join this consortium of service providers to access employment opportunities through VANOC for clients with disabilities. He will also provide an update on the current status of this new service.

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