



Focus Disability Network Meeting

- Date & Time:** Wednesday, November 18, 2009
9:00 A.M.
- Location:** **Communitas Supportive Care Society**
103-2776 Bourquin Cresc. W
Abbotsford, BC
Tel: 604-850-6608
- 9:00 – 9:15** **Networking opportunities** with colleagues who assist persons with disabilities (bring your business cards and brochures).
- 9:15 – 9:30** **Introductions, program updates**, information on new or changing community based programs or initiatives that are part of providing services to people with disabilities.
- 9:30 – 9:45** **Nicole Knight** from **Communitas Supportive Care Society**, will talk about the FAST program, including an overview of the criteria and intake process. She will cover what services they provide, tailoring programs for each client, and what their role is with the client.
- 9:45 – 10:00** **Maggie Kissel**, from **Muscular Dystrophy Canada** will review their services as they pertain to children, youth and adults. She will also talk briefly about the Bridges to the Future program that serves youth with physical disabilities in transition to adulthood.
- 10:00 – 10:45** **Patty Campbell** from **Douglas College** will present the Foundations Workplace Skills program, including highlighting Essential Skills and the Test of Workplace Essential Skills (TOWES) to provide direction for planning appropriate next steps towards employment.
- 10:45 – 11:00** **REFRESHMENT BREAK**
- 11:00 – 11:15** **Dave MacDonald** from **Redphone Computers** will share his business experience instructing some of our clients toward enhanced computer abilities for increased work placement opportunities.
- 11:15 – 11:30** **Brian Mackie** from **CNIB** will update us on organization changes, and show us some great gadgets for the visually impaired.

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