



Focus Disability Network Meeting

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

Date & Time: Monday November 24, 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** **David Sheach**, Executive Director of **Big Brothers Big Sisters**, Abbotsford, Mission, Ridge Meadows, will talk about the Friends for Youth Program, in partnership with CLBC, to match adults and youth with developmental disabilities.
- 9:15 – 9:30** **Lori Andrist** from **Pacific Riding for Developing Abilities** will give us an overview of their program.
- 9:30 – 10:00** **Lisa Pearson** from **Accomplished Learning Centre**, will profile **Interactive Metronome Training**, a cutting edge neurological assessment and treatment tool that redefines traditional expectations for pediatric and adult therapy outcomes.
- 10:00 – 10:15** REFRESHMENT BREAK
- 10:15 – 10:30** **Darrel Gehlen** of **Mission Restorative Resolutions** speaks about this service and related experiences with those with disabilities.
- 10:30 – 10:45** **David Holland** and **Miki Boleen** will share about the **Post Polio Awareness and Support Society**, and overall strategies for both Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley.
- 10:45 – 11:15** **Tanya Kamaggianis**, UBC, Centre for Population, Health Promotion Research, is here to discuss the Pan-Canadian Research project concerning work integration of people with mental health issues.
- 11:15 – 11:30** **Debbie Denault** of **Chilliwack Learning Community Society**, brings information about adult literacy; identifying people who might have lower literacy skills, and referral methods.

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