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Disability Supports

Our Vision...

Everyone has supports for daily living and enjoys full social participation in inclusive and accessible communities.

Why it's important...

Every person in our province has worth, is valued, and has the right to be included in our communities.

Disability supports such as residential, life skills and employment services make it possible for adults with developmental disabilities to live and participate as full citizens.

A decent quality of life means having the supports you need to contribute to your community and live a safe, healthy and productive life.

"People can decide what they want... but then they simply wait on a waitlist from year to year until they are in crisis and they can no longer be ignored" (Parent, BCACL survey).

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We know that...

There are more than **2000** adults with developmental disabilities on waitlists for community living supports to facilitate their inclusion in communities and provide the support they need to participate in daily life.

There are **countless** additional adults waiting for critical supports and services but who have arbitrarily been deemed ineligible because they have an I.Q. over 70.

The 2009-2012 provincial budget includes increased funding of **\$73 Million** for adults with developmental disabilities over the next three years.

The 2009-2012 provincial budget includes new funding of **\$12.6 Million** over the next 2 years for adults who require supports but who are currently deemed ineligible based on their I.Q.

What do we need?

A commitment to ensure the new funding in community living/ disability supports is implemented to address the needs of adults with developmental disabilities and their families who are on waitlists.

Questions to Candidates:

If elected, what will you do to ensure that the community living funding committed by government in the 2009-2012 provincial budget is maintained and enhanced?