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“Families: A Journey of Generations Moving Mountains” A national family conference

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Visit this link to read the full conference program: http://www.familyfocusconference.com/sites/default/files/Onsite_program_WEB.pdf

Whistler, BC – From October 22 - 24, over 500 family members, people with disabilities, volunteers, managers, front-line staff, executive directors and community members from across BC and Canada will meet at the **Fairmont Chateau Whistler** for the joint BC Association for Community Living, Family Focus Society and Canadian Association for Community Living national family conference.

The conference will host over 40 diverse sessions and workshops focusing on issues that matter to families supporting a loved one with a developmental disability. Sessions will address topics such as family networking, the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, inclusive education, advocacy and real work for real pay. Visit www.familyfocusconference.com for more information.

A Few Conference Highlights:

The Hopes of Inclusive Education Through Participation, Belonging and Opportunity

Friday, October 22, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

See inclusive education through the eyes of a teenager. This session will present a short documentary on the inclusive education experience of Dallen, followed by an open panel discussion reflecting on the film.

A Matter of Life or Death - Friday, October 22, 1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

End-of-life-care and euthanasia debates, prenatal screening for the purpose of identifying and eliminating disability, and protocols on pandemics and withholding and withdrawing life-sustaining treatment are raising troubling ethical questions for people with intellectual disabilities. Join members of the Canadian Association for Community Living's Values and Ethics Task Force to discuss these pressing ethical issues that challenge and confound us.

The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities - Change Agent or Status Quo?

Friday, October 22, 3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

This session will facilitate a discussion as to what Canada's ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) means for families and persons with disabilities. Learn how to use the Convention as a tool to make change and to secure the rights of people with disabilities in Canada.

Indigenizing Supports and Services for Aboriginal Families: Sharing Worldviews

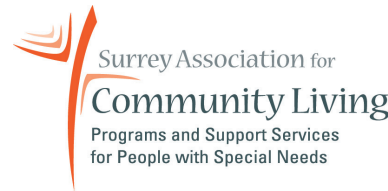
Saturday, October 23, 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

The Indigenous People of B.C. live in Nations with distinct land bases, languages, values and practices. In this presentation the distinctive nature of Indigenous Knowledge gives voice to the need for the development and delivery of a culturally appropriate service delivery model. The presenters will use story to provide a synopsis on the Indigenous perspective of disability and on the Indigenous landscape of children and families.

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The BC Association for Community Living, Family Focus Society and the Canadian Association for Community Living would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the sponsors of the 2010 National Family Conference. Our sponsors share our vision and passion for building inclusive communities.

We would also like to extend our appreciation and acknowledge the generosity of **FedEx Kinko's** for the printing of this year's program.



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