

FACTSHEET

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Ministry of Housing and Social Development

EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Since July 2007, the new Employment Program for Persons with Disabilities has offered individualized services that include: in-depth career planning, skills assessment, pre-employment services, job training and placement, provision of necessary employment supports, disability management assistance, follow-up workplace support and employment crisis services.

To assist all British Columbians with disabilities with participating in the workforce, the program may provide transportation assistance such as bus tickets or employment supports such as work boots. Program participants may, in some cases, receive a work experience placement to gain skills prior to entering the workforce. As part of follow-up workplace support, individuals may receive post-placement coaching and help mediating a conflict with an employer or arranging to have a disability accommodated within the workplace.

The successful service providers, chosen after a year-long program development and procurement process, are:

Ministry of Housing and Social Development – Region 1 (Vancouver Island)	
Community	Service Provider
North Vancouver Island	WCG International HR Solutions 1 866-689-7150
South Vancouver Island	WCG International HR Solutions 1 866 689-7150
Ministry of Housing and Social Development – Region 2 (Vancouver Coastal)	
Community	Service Provider
Vancouver Coastal	BC Society of Training for Health and Employment Opportunities (THEO BC) 1 866 377-3670
Ministry of Housing and Social Development – Region 3 (Fraser)	
Community	Service Provider
Fraser	WCG International HR Solutions 1 866 689-7150
Ministry of Housing and Social Development – Region 4 (Interior)	
Community	Service Provider
Cariboo	THEO BC 1 866 377-3670
Okanagan	THEO BC 1 866 377-3670
Kootenays	THEO BC 1 866 377-3670
Ministry of Housing and Social Development – Region 5 (North)	
Community	Service Provider
North	WCG International HR Solutions 1 866 689-7150
Other (To serve predominantly Regions 2 and 3)	
Mental Health Impairment	THEO BC 1 866 377-3670
Physical or Mobility Impairment	Neil Squire Society 604 473-9363

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