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FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The following is a list of some benefits, grants, discounts and deductions that families with a child with a disability are entitled to claim. As programs and benefits change from time to time, this list is not comprehensive but indicates avenues to explore to help save money. Web links are listed for detailed information, forms and related links.

CHARITY

- **Variety - The Children's Charity of BC**
- disburses much-needed funding to children and their families throughout BC through individual grants and the Emergency Response Fund. Variety provides financial assistance for medical emergencies, therapies (i.e. speech and language), specialized equipment (i.e. talking computers and power wheelchairs), drug prescriptions, and out-of-town accommodation, meal, and travel costs.
www.variety.bc.ca

Information on **Emergency Response Grants** -

www.variety.bc.ca/our_beneficiaries.php?page=emergencyresponse

Information on **Individual Grants** -

www.variety.bc.ca/our_beneficiaries.php?page=individuals

Information on **"I Can" Program** -

www.variety.bc.ca/our_beneficiaries.php?page=icanprogram#1

including links to:

"I Can Talk Too" Program

STAR Walker Program

Wheelchairs and Hydraulic Wheelchair Lifts

Sunshine Coaches

- **President's Choice Children's Charity**
- provides funding to help children with physical or developmental disability. Their focus is in providing funding for mobility equipment, home modifications or physical therapy.
www.presidentschoice.ca/ChildrensCharity/Default.aspx

CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

- Information on application, the program and on-line evaluator -
www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/subsidy_promo.htm

DISABILITY BENEFITS / SERVICES

- **To access a world of information for persons with disabilities** - includes link to information on **Income Benefits and Tax**
www.pwd-online.ca
- **Services and Programs for Children from Birth to 6 with Special Needs:**
www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/spec_needs/birth_to_6.htm

including links to:

- Aboriginal Infant Development Program
 - Associate Family Program
 - At Home Program
 - Autism Funding and Services for your Child
 - Supported Child Development
 - Brain Injury Program - BC Centre for Ability
 - Early Intervention Therapy Services
 - Hearing and Vision Loss Programs
 - Infant Development Program
 - Nursing Support Services
 - Support Services for Children with Special Needs
 - Child & Youth Mental Health - CYMH
 - Outreach & Professional Supports
- Information for **Persons with Disabilities (PWD)**
www.eia.gov.bc.ca
PWD brochure
www.eia.gov.bc.ca/PUBLICAT/bcea/pwd.htm
for more information please call 1-866-866-0800

- Guide to complete the Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance's (MEIA) designation application form for the Persons with Disabilities (PWD) benefit - plus a series of help sheets
www.bccpd.bc.ca/s/AdvocacyAccess.asp
- **Sample Disability Benefits Application Form -**
www.eia.gov.bc.ca/forms/pdf/HR2883.pdf
- **How to apply for Persons with Disabilities Assistance -**
www.eia.gov.bc.ca/pwd/apply.htm
(To obtain an application form, please visit the "Employment and Assistance Centre" in the local community.)
- **Dental Benefits for PWD clients:**
www.eia.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/2005/dental.htm
- **Optical Program:**
www.eia.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/2005/optical.htm
- **Information on Assistance to Parents/Caregivers of a child with disabilities -**
www.eia.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/2004/timelimits.htm
for more information please call (250) 356-1667

HEALTH CARE COVERAGE AND RESPITE CARE

- **At Home Program** - Province of B.C. Ministry of Children and Family Development
- Coverage for medical equipment and supplies, medical transportation, therapy, respite care and nursing respite -
www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/at_home/

HOUSING MODIFICATIONS

- Modifications to home (including rental housing) - **Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program for Persons with Disabilities (RRAP-Disabilities)** - Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation (CMHC) - Federal Government's Housing Agency -
www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/co/prfinas/prfinas_003.cfm

- **A Modification Checklist: Accessibility using RRAP for Persons with Disabilities** - this booklet explains the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) for Disabled Persons, and offers dozens of suggestions for modifying a residence to improve accessibility for disabled occupants.
- to order **free** copies, go to: www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca click on Order Desk and type in 61025 in the search box or phone 1-800-668-2642
- **Home Owner Grant Program** - Ministry of Small Business and Revenue - www.rev.gov.bc.ca/hog

INCOME TAX

- **Information, Forms and Publications Concerning People with Disabilities** - 1-800-959-2221
www.cra-arc.gc.ca/formspubs/clientgroup/individuals/disabled-e.html
This web page includes links to:

Guides:

- RC4064 Information Concerning People with Disabilities - includes Form T2201-2005

Forms:

- GST518 GST/HST Specially Equipped Motor Vehicle Rebate Application
- T2201 Disability Tax Credit Certificate
- T2202 Education Amount Certificate
- T929 Disability Supports Deduction - For 2005 & later years
- XE8 Application for Refund of Federal Excise Tax on Gasoline

Other Publications:

- IT519R2-CONSOLID Medical Expense and Disability Tax Credits and Attendant Care Expense Deduction
- Fact Sheet - Disability Amount
- **Information on Disability Tax Credit Certificate T2201**
www.cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pbg/tf/t2201
- Medical Expense and Disability Tax Credits and Attendant Care Expense Deduction - Tax Information Phone Service (T.I.P.S.) - www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tips or 1-800-267-6999
- Information Concerning People with Disabilities - Tax Services Offices and Tax Centres - www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tso/

- Exemptions for equipment and devices used or refunds of taxes administered by the Consumer Taxation Branch for persons with a disability
www.rev.gov.bc.ca/ctb/Disability.htm
- **Child Disability Benefit (CDB)** - a tax free benefit for low- and moderate-income families who care for a child under age 18 with a severe and prolonged mental or physical impairment (please also see attached document regarding the increased maximum annual CDB)
www.cra-arc.gc.ca/benefits/disability-e.html
- **Canada Child Tax Benefit (CCTB)** - a tax free monthly payment made to eligible families to help them with the cost of raising children under age 18. The CCTB may include the "National Child Benefit Supplement" (NCBS) and "Child Disability Benefit" (CDB)
www.cra-arc.gc.ca/benefits/cctb/menu-e.html

RECREATION

- **Access 2 Entertainment Card** - provides discounted admission to the support person accompanying a person with a disability to member movie theatres across Canada
www.access2.ca/english.default.html
- **Community Resources Programs** - (check your local blue page listings in the telephone book), e.g. reduced fees for persons with disabilities and/or no charge to attendants for recreation facilities like pools, ice rinks, etc.
- **Campsite Fees for Persons with Disabilities** - Ministry of Environment
www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/fees/fees.html#disabilities
- **Leisure Access Card Program (LAC)** - Leisure Access Cards provide Vancouver residents who have limited income a reduction in fees for basic Vancouver Park Board programs and services. Applications for Leisure Access Cards are available for download from the link below, and at all community centres. For more information contact the LAC office at (604) 257-8497
www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/parks/rec/lac/index.htm
- **Red Cross Lower Mainland Adapted Bike inventory** - to benefit children and youth with special needs whose families do not have the resources to purchase a bike for their child. All bikes must be prescribed by a therapist and the sizing and matching of the bike must be done by a qualified therapist. To arrange a trial at Red Cross please contact Patricia at (604) 709-6685 or email: pbarrett@redcross.ca
www.redcross.ca/adaptedbikes

TRANSPORTATION/TRAVEL

- **Reduced fares on bus, Skytrain and Seabus, HandyDART Service, HandyCard, TaxiSaver** - (604) 953-3333
www.translink.bc.ca/Transportation_Services/Accessibility

Please also see the attached information regarding "TransLink Advice on the federal tax credit for transit passes"

- **BC Ferries** - Discount fares are available for residents of BC who have a permanent disability
www.bcferries.com/travel_planning/frequently_asked_questions.html#disabilities

To download Information for Passengers with Special Needs Information Brochure
www.bcferries.com/files/travelplanning/bcfdisabledstatusbrochure.pdf

- **Fuel Tax Refund Program** -
www.rev.gov.bc.ca/ctb/Disability.htm
- **Parking Permit Program for People with Disabilities** - Social Planning and Research Council of B.C. (SPARC)
www.sparc.bc.ca/parking_permit
- **Travel Assistance Program (TAP)**, Province of B.C. Ministry of Health - Reduced fares or free travel by air, rail or ferry for non-emergency medical treatment, (1-800-661-2668). Referral is required. Pamphlets are available from doctors' offices
www.cserv.gov.bc.ca/seniors/guide/3_health_services/3_travel_asst.htm
- **Lions Patient Care Grants, Lions Society of B.C.** - Financial assistance to families with children with disabilities for special equipment, transportation or accommodation expenses when travelling for treatment - (604) 736-3475 or 1-800-818-3666
www.lionsbc.ca/programs/patient_care_grants.shtml
- Reduced air fares for persons with disabilities and/or their attendants - check with Air Canada and other airlines - for **Air Canada**:
www.aircanada.com/en/travelinfo/before/specialneeds.html