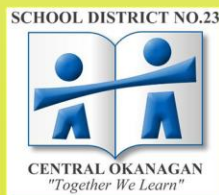


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Enhance services to children, youth and young adults with special needs and their families.
To provide seamless access to services throughout our clients' lives.

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Access Human Resources Inc.

981 Borden Ave
Kelowna, BC V1Y 6A5

Crisis: 250.763.2217
P: 250.763.2217
E: info@accessresources.ca
www.accessresources.ca

Provides integrative, person-directed support services for youth and adults who live with various levels of abilities and disabilities to help them achieve the highest level of independence, self-direction and quality of life with their home and community * supports individuals by developing and implementing effective support networks * offers individual and group counselling services, youth integration and transition programs, host agency service delivery, individualized residential options, homeshares and respite, and educational and behavioral consultation * assists with individualized funding

Agur Lake Camp Society

9913 Main St
Summerland, BC V0H 1Z0

P: 250.809.7130
E: info@agurlakecamp.ca
www.agurlakecamp.ca

Provides a barrier-free wilderness camp and recreational facility near Summerland for children and adults with special needs and their families where they can find respite, rejuvenation and relax in a safe, natural environment

ARC Programs Ltd., Behavioural Assessment Support Services Program

513 Bernard Ave
Kelowna, BC V1Y 6N9

P: 250.763.2977
E: arcprograms@arcprograms.com
www.arcprograms.com

Offers services for children and youth with special needs, ages 1-18 and their families/caregivers, who are experiencing difficulties that can include challenging behaviors * observation and assessment * development and implementation of a positive behavioural support plan * direct work with youth and families and all people involved with the child or youth for consistent service coordination and community network building

ARC Programs Ltd., Behavioural Intervention Program, Autism Spectrum Disorder Services

513 Bernard Ave
Kelowna, BC V1Y 6N9

P: 250.763.2977
E: arcprograms@arcprograms.com
www.arcprograms.com

Offers services for children and youth, ages 6-18, diagnosed under the Autism Spectrum * in-home behavioral assessment, parent and family consultations * positive behavior intervention * coordination and implementation of IHCAN or other assessment recommendations * group and individual services for the child/youth target social skills, communication, life skills, and peer relationships

ARC Programs Ltd., Support Services for Families (FASD)

513 Bernard Ave
Kelowna, BC V1Y 6N9

P: 250.763.2977
E: chenriques@arcprograms.com
www.arcprograms.com

Provides a community-based outreach service designed to enhance protective factors and reduce risk factors for children and youth living with FASD or a similar neurodevelopment condition * focuses on working directly with the caregiver to build their capacity to provide ongoing support for their children * education and consultation services for families and community partners * support and liaison with school education and planning * assistance with accessing community resources and services. * Parent Support component provides opportunities to connect in a group environment

Arion Therapeutic Farm

2457 Saucier Rd
Kelowna, BC V1W 4B8

P: 778.477.1006
E: arionfarm@shaw.ca
www.arionfarm.org

Offers therapeutic riding, horsemanship course, student horse boarding, Club Arion, behaviour Intervention, school groups, after school program, farm discovery day camps, group outings, Silver Saddle Club * occupational development, supported housing * volunteer opportunities available

Autism Support Kelowna

P: 250.860.2740 * 250.859.3584
E: ftHellmig@shaw.ca
www.clarocentres.com

Offers a support network for parents and caregivers of people living with Autism Spectrum Disorder through 'any time phone support' * helps others gain some perspective regarding available therapies and resources in the area

BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities, Camp Winfield, Easter Seal Camps

1790 Davidson Rd
Lake Country, BC V4V 1J8

P: Winfield Camp: 250.766.2186
T: Vancouver head office: 1.800.818.4483
E: campwinfield@gmail.com
www.eastersealscamps.ca

Provides overnight summer camping experiences for children and teens with physical and/or mental disabilities * fully accessible swimming pools * climbing walls * in-ground trampolines * arts and crafts spaces * large playing fields * costume rooms

Between Friends

P: 778.215.1649
E: betweenfriendskelowna@gmail.com
www.betweenfriendskelowna.wordpress.com

Offers program planning and support strategies designed to build on existing strengths and promote full participation in family, school and community life * promotes positive social, emotional and behaviour skills * supports and assists children to expand their communicative and academic strengths * assists families by working on self-regulation and functional living skills, developing short term and long term goals, creating a unique academic learning plan, supporting transitions and positive behaviours * offers in-home and in-community sessions to extend and generalize skill development * also offers educational consultation and respite

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Okanagan, ReNew Crew

Ste 102-151 Commercial Dr
Kelowna, BC V1X 7W2
P: 250.765.2661
T: 1.800.404.4483
E: renewcrew.ok@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca
www.bigs.bc.ca/en/Home/howtosupportus/donateuseditems/default.aspx

Collects good quality, used clothing, household and furniture items

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Okanagan

Ste 102-151 Commercial Dr
Kelowna, BC V1X 7W2
P: 250.765.2661
T: 1.800.404.4483
E: helen.brownrigg@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca
www.bigs.bc.ca/en/Home/default.aspx

Offers a wide range of school based mentoring programs designed to meet the varied needs of the children and youth

Bumbershoot Children's Theatre Society

Ste 125-1295 Cannery Lane
Kelowna, BC V1Y 9V8
P: 778.478.0142
E: tross@bumbershoottheatre.com
www.bumbershoottheatre.com

Provides diverse, creative and fun learning opportunities for children and youth in theatre * offers performing art courses and workshops, the Young Performers program (ages 6 -18) which provides youth the opportunity to experience theatre and make new friends * operates a week-long School Residency Program in which 50-60 students take center stage in a full-scale musical * assists schools in mounting their own family-friendly production for public audiences in one a week / two performance format * volunteer positions available

Camp Grafton

P: 250.374.5115
E: giora@hotmail.com
www.campgrafton.ca

Offers summer camps and programs for children, youth and families * offers rentals of the camps

Camp Hurlburt

9657 Eastside Rd
Vernon, BC V1H 1L1

P: 250.545.0797
E: camphurlburt@gmail.com
www.camphurlburt.com

Offers a children's summer camp, vacation Bible camp, and Alumni camp * also available for private rentals

Canadian Hard of Hearing Association

Ste 205-2415 Holly Lane
Ottawa, ON K1V 7P2

P: 1.613.526.1584
T: 1.800.263.8068
TDD: 1.613.526.2692
E: chhanational@chha.ca
www.chha.ca/chha

Makes a significant difference by giving hard of hearing Canadians a chance to hear and a chance to be heard * works to produce knowledgeable hard of hearing consumers who understand how to have their needs met * raises public awareness concerning issues that are important for the hard of hearing * promotes integration in Canadian society to remove barriers to participation and generally make every community in Canada a better place for persons who are hard of hearing * non-profit, self-help, bilingual consumer organization run by, and for, persons who are hard of hearing

Canadian Mental Health Association Kelowna & District Branch

504 Sutherland Ave
Kelowna, BC V1Y 5X1

P: 250.861.3644
E: kelowna@cmha.bc.ca
www.kelowna.cmha.bc.ca

Facilitates access to resources people require to maintain and improve mental health and community integration, build resiliency, and support recovery from mental illness * programs and services include: Consumer & Family Services, Peer Support, Housing, Meals Matter, Mental Health First Aid, Mental Health Promotion, Outreach & Navigation Services, Connecting the Dots, Connected by 25, the Wellness Development Centre * detailed program info available online, by email or phone

Central Okanagan Child Development Association

1546 Bernard Ave
Kelowna, BC V1Y 6R9

P: 250.763.5100
T: 1.877.763.5100
TDD: 250.763.5103
E: info@cocda.com
www.cocda.com

Supports families to meet the exceptional developmental needs of children through early intervention * provides Infant Development Program (birth to 3 years) * Supported Child Development Program * Behavior Intervention Program * Speech Language Therapy (including Early Hearing) * Occupational Therapy * Physiotherapy (including Therapeutic Riding) * Counselling

City of Kelowna, Active Living & Culture, Parkinson Recreation Centre

1800 Parkinson Way
Kelowna, BC V1Y 4P9

P: 250.469.8800
www.kelowna.ca/recreation

Offers the community a full service recreational facility that includes a full size gymnasium, weight training room, aerobic room, circuit training room, 25 metre swimming pool, meeting rooms, banquet facility, and a boardroom

City of Kelowna, Active Living & Culture, Access Passes

1800 Parkinson Way
Kelowna, BC V1Y 4P9

P: 250.469.8849
E: pvbrooks@kelowna.ca
www.kelowna.ca/recreation

Provides discount recreation passes for persons with a permanent cognitive or physical disability * not designed for persons who are in a short term rehabilitation program * provides three types of passes: Access Pass Combination * Access Pass - Program * Access Pass - Facility

Claro Learning Centre Kelowna

Ste 201-1912 Enterprise Way
Kelowna, BC V1Y 9S9

P: 778.478.9777
E: kelowna@clarocentres.com
www.clarocentres.com

Offers children and youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), and other neurological and developmental disabilities a holistic program of support * includes a complete academic program (K-12) through partnerships with distributed learning schools, behaviour intervention, life skills training, therapeutic recreation, and opportunities to develop social and emotional awareness

CNIB, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Children's Toll-Free Line

Ste 101-1456 St. Paul St
Kelowna, BC V1Y 2E6

T: 1.800.563.2642
E: info@cnib.ca
www.cnib.ca

Provides a toll-free children's line with questions about children's programs and services, resources, or to problem-solve everyday challenges of living with vision loss * calls are answered by a CNIB counsellor with first hand experience and expertise in children and youths living with vision loss

Community Connections Support Services

275 Rutland RdN
Kelowna, BC V1X 3B1

P: 250.491.2907
E: mail@commconn.ca
www.commconn.ca

Provides community, home share coordination, respite coordination and at home supports for people who live with a disability in the Central Okanagan and West and East Kootenay areas of BC

Community Living British Columbia (CLBC)

Ste 140-1060 Manhattan Dr
Kelowna, BC V1Y 9X9

P: 250.712.3610
T: 1.877.660.2522
E: kelowna@communitylivingbc.ca
www.communitylivingbc.ca

Helps adults with developmental disabilities and their families achieve goals and live the life they want * assists with creating individual support plans, ensures health and safety standards are maintained when they live away from their family and helps them get connected to their community and put paid supports in place when needed

Programs include: Home Sharing/Intentional Communities, Live-in Support, Supported Apartment Living, Staffed Residential Living, Respite Services, Direct Family Support and Employment Support, Community Inclusion Support

Community Recreational Initiatives Society (CRIS)

P: 250.979.3941
E: general@coreinso.com
www.AdaptiveAdventures.ca

Offers daily programs throughout the year that include activities such as kayaking, hiking, cycling, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing opportunities for people with disabilities * offers multi-day trips in Canada, the USA and the world that include such activities as hiking, kayaking, cycling, rock climbing, multi day backpacking treks and caving * programs promote independence, assist with integration, reduce isolation and improve mental well-being of people with physical and mental disabilities

Cool Arts Society

P: 250.899.6381
E: info@coolarts.ca
www.coolarts.ca

Provides fine arts opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities living in the Central Okanagan * offers weekend workshops every month * regular mid-week classes with themes such as painting, collage, sculpture, mixed-media, music and mask-making

Cops for Kids Charitable Foundation, RCMP

P: 250.801.4438
T: 1.877.500.4543
E: info@copsforkids.org
www.copsforkids.org

RCMP members and friends of the RCMP South East District assist children that are in medical, physical or traumatic crisis within the Southern Interior Region of British Columbia

Eureka Outdoor Camp

22151 Wilson Ave
Richmond, BC V6V 2P6

P: 604.520.1155
E: info@eurekacamp.ca
www.eurekacamp.ca

Provides a safe, caring residential camp experience for children with neurological deficits * supports the development of social skills, self awareness and independencies specifically for children and adolescents with invisible disabilities, including: Learning disabilities * ADD/ ADHD * Obsessive Compulsive Disorder * Mild Autism/Aspergers Syndrome * Tourettes Syndrome * Oppositional Defiance Disorder * Epilepsy

Families in Touch

P: 250.878.8789
E: familiesintouch@shaw.ca

Connects families who have children, youth or adults with disabilities through parent-driven network to share unique experiences and knowledge

Gardom Lake Bible Camp and Retreat Centre

651 Glenmary Rd
Enderby, BC V0E 1V3

P: 250.838.6645
E: office@gardomlake.ca
www.gardomlake.ca

Offers summer camps for children and youth * activities include: zip line, archery/sling shots, volleyball, basketball, BMX racing, canoeing/kayaking, climbing wall, crafts, drama/acting, flag football, ultimate frisbee, fire building/bannock making, high ropes, horse back trail ride, model rockets, paintball, pellet guns/slingshots, puppetry/stage design, soccer, sport orienteering, swimming/ice berg, team challenge/low ropes course, and white water rafting

Girl Guide Camps, Camp Arbuckle

14750 Carrs Landing Rd
Lake Country, BC V4V 1C6

E: camparbuckle@gmail.com
www.monasheegirlguides.com/camping/camp-arbuckle/

Offers a week long camp for Guides and Pathfinders * camp is also available for private bookings such as family reunions and weddings

Green Bay Bible Camp

1449 Green Bay Rd
West Kelowna, BC V4T 2B9

P: 250.768.5884
E: fun@greenbay.bc.ca
www.greenbay.bc.ca

Offers kids and family summer camps on the shores of Okanagan Lake * off-season rentals available

Heritage Christian School

907 Badke Rd
Kelowna, BC V1X 5Z5

P: 250.862.2377
E: office@heritagechristian.ca
www.heritagechristian.ca/

Part of every student's tuition is dedicated to Service Projects undertaken by classes on behalf of underprivileged children in either Puerton Escondido and Oaxaca, Mexico * projects include: constructing a roof for mentally and physically disabled children, building soccer fields at soccer camp for underprivileged kids and constructing a home for unwed mothers * coordinates a Wishlist Auction and Banquet every November with funds going towards global citizenship projects

Hollywood Road Educational Services, School District No. 23 Central Okanagan

1040 Hollywood Rd
Kelowna, BC V1X 4N2

P: 250.860.9729
www.sd23.bc.ca

Educational Services for School District 23 encompassing the area from Oyama to Peachland

Interior Health Authority, Children's Assessment Network

Ste 309-1664 Richter St
Kelowna, BC V1Y 8N3

P: 250.763.4122
www.interiorhealth.ca

Provides assessment and diagnosis clinic for children and youth living in the Interior Health region who demonstrate significant impairment in a number of domains of functioning, including development and learning, mental health, adaptive and social skills, or biomarkers such as prenatal substance exposure * we see children under three assessment streams: Autism Spectrum Disorder, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, and Complex Child and Youth

John Howard Society of the Central and South Okanagan, Gateway Mentoring & Outreach Program

189 Rutland RdN
Kelowna, BC V1X 3B1

P: 778.753.6035
www.jhscso.bc.ca

Provides one-to-one mentorship to those diagnosed with, or highly suspected of having, FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder) and are involved in, or at risk of involvement in, the Criminal Justice System * assists with all aspects of life such as crisis intervention/prevention, advocacy, life skills training, budgeting, accessing additional community supports, and developing healthy leisure and recreational activities * program workers adopt an empathetic view towards the client, where services are individualized based on needs arising from such characteristics such as the individual's gender, sexuality, religion, ability level, and racial/cultural background while simultaneously building on their strengths * throughout development of client programs, mentors work with client, family members and other key figures to ensure client needs are met within an all encompassing bio-psycho-social model * referrals are required

KCR, Information Centre

Ste 120-1735 Dolphin Ave
Kelowna, BC V1Y 8A6

P: 250.763.8008 ext 25
E: info@kcr.ca
www.kcr.ca

Provides information about the community, its resources and volunteer opportunities by phone, email, in-person, or online, utilizing KCR's regional online database

KCR, Supports and Networking for Adoption and Permanency Planning

Ste 401-1726 Dolphin Ave
Kelowna, BC V1Y 9R9

P: 250.717.2076
E: nancy@kcr.ca
www.kcr.ca

Prepares children for adoption placement and provides support to them, their foster parents and their adoptive parents during the process * also provides post placement support to those children placed in our community who have been in the care of our provincial government prior to their adoption

Kelowna & District Society for People In Motion

Ste 23-1720 Ethel St
Kelowna, BC V1Y 2Y7

P: 250.861.3302
E: info@pimbc.ca
www.pimbc.ca

Provides adaptive programs and services throughout the Okanagan Valley and surrounding areas * dedicated to the inclusion and equality of children, youth, and adults who have a physical or sensory disability * Powder Hounds Adaptive Ski program offers skiing and recreation opportunities * Power Wheelchair Soccer program offers weekly wheelchair practices for games in Penticton, Kelowna, Vernon, Kamloops and an annual tournament * Transportation Program offers one lift accessible wheelchair van for members and one refurbished handyDart Bus for accessible group travel * Wheelchair Basketball program provides an active program operating as a city league practicing twice weekly and traveling to provincial tournaments * Adaptive Curling Gold Medal Olympians provide programs for people with disabilities * Kids In Motion provides opportunities for children with disabilities and their families to take part in a variety of sports * Adaptive Equipment Loan Cupboard loans adaptive recreation equipment to members for hiking, biking and golf

Kelowna Central Lions Club

www.lionsclubs.org

Community service group that provides volunteers and support for a variety of community and international projects

Kelowna Waldorf School

429 Collett Rd
Kelowna, BC V1W 1K6

P: 250.764.4130
E: info@kelownawaldorf.org
www.kelownawaldorf.org

Offers a developmentally appropriate, balanced approach to education that integrates the arts and academics for children * encourages development of each child's sense of truth, beauty, and goodness * provides an antidote to violence, alienation, and cynicism * aims to inspire in each student a lifelong love of learning, and to enable them to fully develop their unique capacities

Kelowna Youth & Family Services

Ste 100-260 Harvey Ave
Kelowna, BC V1Y 7S5

P: 250.763.2405
E: kyfs@shawcable.com

Provides preventive counselling service for parents, children and youth * offers assistance to parents experiencing difficulties with child behaviour in family, community or involvement with the law * improves relationships, communication and parenting skills

KidsCan Therapy Services

Unit 104-1441 Ellis St
Kelowna, BC V1Y 2A3

P: 250.764.8910
E: diane@kidscantherapy.ca
www.kidscantherapy.ca

Offers occupational therapy for children and youth with special needs, particularly those with "invisible disabilities" such as Autism Spectrum Disorder, Developmental Coordination Disorder/Delays, Sensory Processing Disorder and Learning Disabilities * self-care: dressing, eating, hygiene * productive tasks: school work, play, chores, pre-vocational skills * leisure pursuits: recreation, sports, hobbies, interests, socialization * client and family centered assessment: sensory motor skills and functional skills creating barriers to participation * intervention: individual and group, real life, play based and functional * consultation: to health care teams, school teams, caregivers * education and advocacy: awareness of invisible disabilities, training, community resources, health promotion

Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society, Community Action Program for Children (CAPC)

442 Leon Ave
Kelowna, BC V1Y 6J3

P: 250.763.4905
E: capc@kfs.bc.ca
www.kfs.bc.ca

Offers a holistic program with an integrated support program which promotes the healthy development of children, youth, adults and families * lunch provided and childminding and transportation upon request

Kleos Open Learning

Ste 203-251 Lawrence Ave
Kelowna, BC V1Y 6L2

P: 778.484.5554
T: 1.877.866.1667
www.kleos.ca

Provides Enrolled Learning (open learning/distance learning) programs for students K-12, based on individual learning style profile * achieves significant results for students with special education needs (adapted, modified, and gifted) and those with diagnosed learning disabilities * DL program utilizes technology such as Haiku (learning management system), email, Google Docs, online resources, and more * BC certified teachers plan, deliver, instruct, assess, and report on student learning * teachers develop and facilitate student-learning programs with input from parents and students * enrolled academic programs meet Ministry of Education learning outcomes * supports grade K-12 registered homeschoolers * homeschoolers work independently without teacher involvement * does not approve or supervise the educational program of a homeschooled student

Maple Springs Bible Camp

5247 Inga St
Peachland, BC V0H 1X8

P: 250.767.2354
E: registrar@maplesprings.ca
www.maplesprings.ca

Offers a 4 to 10 day co-ed Bible camp operated by the Canadian Sunday School Mission * provides a safe and fun place for children to come and spend an action packed week full of exciting activities such as: Archery, Basketball, Crafts, Hiking, Beach Volleyball, Swimming, Drama, Riflery, Wilderness Skills, Talent Show, Canoe Trip, Trampoline, 75 foot Slip'N'Slide, BMX, Theme Days, Soccer, Hilarious Skits, Cabin Time, Field Games, Jungle Swing and Music * campers are supervised by staff

Métis Community Services Society of BC, ROOTS Program

Ste 201-2949 Pandosy St
Kelowna, BC V1Y 1W1

P: 250.868.0351
T: 1.877.965.6237
E: roots@mcsbc.org
www.mcsbc.org

Ensures that Métis children in care have a placement plan to preserve their Aboriginal identity, heritage and their ties to community and family * identifies children for whom a return to family and community may be appropriate * assists in developing and implementing appropriate reunification plans for Métis children * implements strategies to strengthen a connection with the Métis community and culture for children in care

Ministry of Children and Family Development, Adoption Services

Ste 401-1726 Dolphin Ave
Kelowna, BC V1Y 9R9

P: 250.717.2070
www.gov.bc.ca/mcf

Provides adoption services involving children who are in government care * infants and older children who may have some form of special need such as being part of a sibling group that needs to be placed together or they may have health and behavioural concerns and difficulties

Ministry of Children and Family Development, Children and Youth With Special Needs, At Home Program

Ste 107-1664 Richter St
Kelowna, BC V1Y 8N3

P: Kelowna: 250.712.3609
Vernon: 250.549.5404
E: mcf.childrenyouthspecialneeds@gov.bc.ca
www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/spec_needs/index.htm

Provides At Home Medical Benefits and/or Respite Benefits to eligible children and youth with special needs * At Home Medical Benefits provides the following basic, essential benefits for eligible children and youth: medical supplies, medical equipment, dental, orthodontic, optical benefits and assistance with medical transportation * At Home Program Respite Benefits may provide up to \$2,800 per year (depending on family income) to assist families of eligible children and youth to purchase the respite services that best meet their needs

Ministry of Children and Family Development, Children and Youth With Special Needs, Autism Spectrum Disorder

Ste 107-1664 Richter St
Kelowna, BC V1Y 8N3

P: Kelowna: 250.712.3609
Vernon: 250.549.5404
E: mcf.childrenyouthspecialneeds@gov.bc.ca
www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/spec_needs/index.htm

Provides funding to families of children and youth diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) to assist with cost of purchasing eligible autism intervention services (based on best practices) that promote the child's communication, social-emotional, pre-academic/academic and functional life-skills development * programs are voluntary * input of parents, children, youth, CYSN workers, and community are all essential and all have an important role to play

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Funds a range of programs and services for children and youth with special needs and their families intended to promote children's healthy development, maximize quality of life, assist families in their role as primary caregivers and support full participation in community life * works in partnership with the Ministries of Health and Education, and regional and community agencies to plan and coordinate services * delivers accessible high-quality intervention and support services through an integrated service delivery approach

Morning Star Bible Camp

3031 McIver RdW
West Kelowna, BC V4T 1C4

P: West Kelowna: 250.768.7801
Vernon: 250.768.5326

E: info@morningstarbiblecamp.com
www.morningstarbiblecamp.com

Offers a wide range of camps for children, teens and adults during the summer * also offers camp rentals which includes a dining hall and kitchen, gym, chapel, cabins, lodges, a meeting room, a playing field, and a playground

Okanagan Ability Centre

Ste 102-2040 Springfield Rd
Kelowna, BC V1X 9N7

P: 250.762.7790
E: abilitycentre@telus.net
www.okanaganabilitycentre.com/index.html

Provides assessment and diagnosis of children and youth with presenting problems such as developmental delays, learning and cognitive/intellectual disabilities, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, autism spectrum disorders, fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, as well as social-emotional and behavioural difficulties * offers specialized assessment and diagnosis of adults with presenting problems including learning and cognitive/intellectual disabilities, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, and autism spectrum disorder * psychologists are doctoral level clinical psychologist trained and registered with the College of Psychologists of British Columbia

Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs, Services for Children and Youth with Special Needs

1434 Graham St
Kelowna, BC V1Y 3A8

P: 250.762.3914
E: info@boysandgirlsclubs.ca
www.boysandgirlsclubs.ca

Provides a safe, supportive place where children and youth can experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships and develop confidence and skills for life * offers afterschool and evening programs and services for children and youth 5-18 years designed to meet the diverse needs of children and their families * afterschool care, recreation and teen life skills

Program Locations:

- Kelowna: Martin Avenue Community Centre, 250.762.3914
- Rutland: Rutland Boys and Girls Clubs, 250.765.3345
- West Kelowna: Webber Road Community Centre, 250.768.3049
- Lake Country: Lake Country Boys and Girls Clubs, 250.766.5277

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Youth serving organization that provides programs and support services to children, youth and their families *
Employment Services * Reach Out Youth Counselling * Early, Middle Childhood and Afterschool Programs *
Family Resource Programs * Spring Break Camps and Outdoor Programs * Youth Options Project *
Emergency Youth Shelter * Restorative Justice * Drop-in Programs

Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs, Camp ArrowFlight Outdoor Centre Camps

4684 Salmon River Rd
Armstrong, BC V0E 1W0

P: 250.546.2600
T: 1.888.772.7751
E: camps@boysandgirlsclubs.ca
www.boysandgirlsclubs.ca

Offers overnight weekly camps from Sunday evening to Friday evening for ages 7-17, special events and
extended wilderness trips * destinations are the interior of BC * Spring Break camps * swimming * hiking *
winter camping * rock climbing * seasonal survival skills * environment education and wilderness skills *
fishing * canoeing * backpacking * archery * rock wall climbing * BMXing and mountain boarding

Okanagan Kids Care Fund, A Public Service by Q103.1, Power 104, and area TD Canada Branches

P: 250.763.1047 * 250.762.3331

E: info@power104.fm

Fundraises to benefit children of the Central Okanagan by identifying their special needs and requirements
and developing plans and programs to meet those needs * there are no operating costs, as the partners
operating this public service (Q103.1, Power 104, and the area TD Canada Trust Bank branches), pay all
costs so every dollar raised goes directly to designated project

Pathways Abilities Society, (Formerly Kelowna and District Society for Community Living)

123 Franklyn Ave
Kelowna, BC V1X 3X5

P: Administrative Office: 250.763.4837
E: ed@pathwayskelowna.ca
www.pathwayskelowna.ca/

Assists people with disabilities to reach their individual goals and contribute as equal members of community

ACTIVITY SERVICE provides opportunities for individuals to develop skills and abilities that promote self-esteem and independence through productive meaningful activities in recreation and leisure, volunteer work and life skill development * 250.763.4484

SOCIAL RECREATION SERVICE provides community based evening and weekend social recreation opportunities to individuals to assist them in developing friendships * 250.763.9499

INTEGRATED CAREER OPPORTUNITIES (ICO) provides supported employment opportunities for individuals to learn skills and secure and maintain community employment. Services offer assessments, education, planning, skill development, support, on-site training, job coaching, development of natural supports, monitoring, follow up and the retention required to find and maintain long term employment * 250.763.9499

SOCIAL VENTURES provides employment opportunities for individuals with barriers to traditional employment and includes recycling, confidential shredding and selling used bikes * 250.762.4915

INDIVIDUALIZED FUNDING AND HOME SUPPORT provides self-directed/ family-directed/support-network directed services * 250.763.4837

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES provides safe, respectful, healthy and supportive services to assist individuals to live interdependently in a manner that reflects their lifestyle choices * 250.763.4484

Pathways also participates in and supports community events, ensures the rights of people with disabilities are upheld, and supports the Kelowna Self Advocates * for more info contact aqam@pathwayskelowna.ca

Sasamat Outdoor Centre

3302 Senkler Rd
Belcarra, BC V3H 4S3

P: 1.604.939.2268
E: info@sasamat.org
www.sasamat.org

Offers a variety of programs such as Day Camp and Resident Camp, as well as facility rentals for Community and School Groups * offers campers the opportunity to participate in a wide range of outdoor activities in a safe, supervised environment * programs are geared to the age and ability of the individual, and to the interests of the group

School District No. 23 Central Okanagan

1940 Underhill St
Kelowna, BC V1X 5X7

P: 250.860.8888
www.sd23.bc.ca

Administration offices for School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) encompassing the area from Oyama to Peachland

Shriners Care Cruiser Program

Crisis: 604.619.7389
P: 604.291.7707
T: 1.800.661.5437 (1.800.661.KIDS)
E: shrinekids@shawcable.com
www.shriners.bc.ca/bus/index.shtml

Provides transportation services for BC children and their parents or caregivers who are receiving treatment at any Shriner's Hospitals for Children, BC Children's Hospital, BC Women's Hospital and Sunny Hill Hospital with one of five Shrine Care Cruisers * reservations are required as trips are scheduled according to pick ups, drop offs, medical priorities and weather conditions * coaches are not dispatched until pick ups or drop offs are confirmed

Special Olympics BC, Kelowna Branch

Unit 20-1886 Parkview Cres
Kelowna, BC V1X 7G6

www.sobc-kelowna.org/

Provides individuals with an intellectual disability the opportunity to enhance their life and celebrate personal achievement through positive sport experiences

Stepping Stones Counselling Group

1369 Richter St
Kelowna, BC V1Y 2L6

P: 250.763.7414
E: sstones@telus.net
www.steppingstoneskelowna.ca

Provides specialized therapeutic treatment for children, youth and families * specialized therapist team offers various Play and Expressive Therapies, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing), Trauma and Dissociative Processing, Autism Spectrum Disorder support including individual, sibling and family counselling * offers recurring Social Skills groups for individuals with ASD/ FASD ages 7-11 and ages 12-16 focusing on friendship, relationship building, non-verbal communication and social thinking

Sunnybrae Bible Camp

3915 Sunnybrae Canoe Pt. Rd
Tappen, BC V0E 2X1

P: 250.835.4596
E: info@sunnybrae.ca
www.sunnybrae.ca

Offers camps for kids, teens, and families * activities may include archery, riflery, swimming, canoeing, drama, crafts, volleyball/basketball, rock climbing, wilderness adventure, guitar (for beginners), floor hockey and soccer * also includes daily meals, chapels, games, firesides, free time at the waterfront, cabin activities, canteen, and a variety of other activities* wakeboard and horsemanship camps available - limited spots

TETRA Society of North America

Ste 318-425 Carrall St
Vancouver, BC V6B 6E3

P: Head Office: 604.688.6464
T: 1.877.688.8762
E: info@tetrasociety.org
www.tetrasociety.org/

Improves the independence of people with disabilities by building assistive devices that cannot be found in the marketplace * recruits skilled volunteers to create customized assistive devices for people with physical disabilities * offers an online database to illustrate what is possible and inform and inspire people to submit requests for devices that will increase the independence and quality of life

The Bridge Youth & Family Services, Kelowna Youth in Care Network

760 Hwy 33 W
Kelowna, BC V1X 1Y4

P: 250.763.0456
E: info@thebridgeservices.ca
www.thebridgeservices.ca

Provides a voice in all matters that directly affect youth in/from care * promotes youth in/from care views and opinions, improvement of conditions, and services * researches and reports on special needs, educates the public, and encourages support and friendship for youth in/from care * youth can have a voice, form friendships, learn about health living and be involved in fun outings and activities

The Salvation Army, Camp Sunrise

1377 Burns Rd
Gibsons, BC V0N 1V1

P: 604.886.7232
E: glynden_cross@can.salvationarmy.org
www.campsunrise.ca

Offers a BC Camping Association and Christian Camping International accredited camp that caters to youth ranging in ages from 7-18 * offers summer programs including Bible study, archery, crafts, field games, climbing wall, swimming and much more fun and adventure

TIER Support Services Ltd., Teaching, Independence, Employment and Responsibility

165 Rutland RdN
Kelowna, BC V1X 3B1

Crisis: 250.769.4592

P: 250.765.2040

E: info@tier.ca

www.tier.ca

Provides support to individuals who have developmental disabilities and employment barriers * provides home and community support and offers vocational programs such as employment preparation and work/volunteer experience

Westbank First Nation, Employment and Training Services

1900 Quail Lane
Westbank, BC V4T 2H3

P: 250.768.0227

www.wfn.ca

Provides employment and training services to Aboriginal people including resume writing, job counselling, referrals and more

Westbank First Nation

Ste 201-515 Hwy 97 S
West Kelowna, BC V1Z 3J2

P: 250.769.4999

E: mail@wfn.ca

www.wfn.ca

Offers social development, health, education, wellness, youth, membership, and administrative services and to the Westbank First Nation, other Aboriginal persons and community members both on and off reserve * operates the Sensisiyusten school

Westbank First Nation, Early Years Family Program

1900 Quail Lane
Westbank, BC V4T 2H3

P: 250.768.0227

E: mail@wfn.ca

www.wfn.ca

Offers 2 daytime sessions and one evening session per week * offers a structured early childhood development program that incorporates culture, language, nutrition, health promotion, parent/caregiver participation, education and social support

Westbank First Nation, Addictions and Counselling Services

1900 Quail Lane
Westbank, BC V4T 2H3

P: 250.768.0227

E: mail@wfn.ca

www.wfn.ca

Provides NNADP Counselling Services, including Wellbriety, Men's Circle of Courage, Individual Counselling Services * provides youth Counselling Services, including Youth Leadership Group and Individual Services * also provides Family and Individual Counselling

CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCE GUIDE FOR PROFESSIONALS

Western Human Resource Corp., Resource Ability and Nursing Solutions Home Support

Ste 200-260 Harvey Ave
Kelowna, BC V1Y 7S5

P: 250.763.6624
T: 1.866.763.6624

Offers two programs providing professional nursing services through individualized care and other person-centered care that supports the individual and their family

Resource Ability provides in-home and in-school nursing support for medically fragile and special needs children * Nursing Solutions provides professional nursing services to all age groups, from babies to seniors

YMCA of Okanagan, Children & Youth Programs

375 Hartman Rd
Kelowna, BC V1X 2M9

P: 250.765.5916
E: info@ymcaokanagan.ca
www.ymcaokanagan.ca/

Provides programs for children & youth * infant and toddler playtime * arts and adventure clubs * activity and swim nights * Aquatic programs* Girls Night Out * Yoga * Karate classes * Babysitter training classes * Spring Break Camps * drop-in programs and pre-registration classes

YMCA of Okanagan, H20 Adventure & Fitness Centre

4075 Gordon Dr
Kelowna, BC V1W 5J2

P: 250.764.4040
E: h20info@ymcaokanagan.ca
www.h2okelowna.com

Recreation facility for recreation, fitness/wellness, learning new skills and training * features an Olympic length 50 meter pool, wave pool, river run, 3 water slides, children's water play area, and an ocean wave surf simulator and a 12,000 square foot strength and cardio centre

YMCA of Okanagan, Assisted Memberships and Passes: H20 Adventure & Fitness Centre

4075 Gordon Dr
Kelowna, BC V1W 5J2

P: 250.764.4040
www.h2okelowna.ca/

Provides financial assistance to individuals, families or those living with a permanent mental or physical disability who's financial circumstances or disability limit their ability to participate * support workers can attend the facility with those who require some assistance * for full details on this program, including eligibility and documentation required, click the 'Additional Info' link above

YMCA of Okanagan, Assisted Memberships and Passes: Kelowna Family Y

375 Hartman Rd
Kelowna, BC V1X 2M9

P: 250.491.9622
E: info@ymcaokanagan.ca
www.ymcaokanagan.ca/

Offers financial assistance to individuals and families who would benefit from joining the Y, but are financially unable to pay the full fee * also offers an Ability Pass for individuals living with a permanent mental or physical disability that meet the eligibility requirements

For two lists of Special Education iPhone, iPad, and iPod Apps, please visit:
www.kcr.ca | [Community Services Publications](#) | [Apps for Special Education](#)

These lists provide apps on subjects ranging from speech/language, sign language, organization/scheduling, reading/writing/math, music/song, art/photography, games, accessibility, early intervention, fine motor development, app collections, productivity, and remote desktop.