

# FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

### The Access RDSP Program



Access RDSP is a provincial program operated through a partnership between BC Aboriginal Network on Disability Society (BCANDS), Disability Alliance BC (DABC), and Plan Institute, made possible through the support of the Vancouver Foundation. The program is designed to help people become informed, eligible, and open an RDSP. Read on to find out about the free services we offer and the support available to individuals with disabilities in BC.

#### Here are the free services we offer:

- RDSP & Disability Tax Credit (DTC) webinars for individuals, organizations, and financial professionals
- One-to-one support applying for the DTC
- One-to-one support for the RDSP
- Toll-free RDSP & Disability Planning Helpline
- Specialized support and navigation for Indigenous peoples
- \$150 grant for children and low-income BC residents for their RDSP

To find out about any of these services, contact us at: info@rdsp.com, 1-844-311-7526, or go to www.rdsp.com.

### The RDSP

The Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) is a Canada-wide registered matched savings plan that gives people living with a disability an opportunity to save for the future and take advantage of up to \$90,000 in federal grants and bonds. There are many benefits to having an RDSP.

You can take a tutorial, try the calculator, and learn everything you need to know about the RDSP at:

#### www.rdsp.com

Our goal is to see the RDSP in the hands of every eligible Canadian.

#### \$150 grants for BC residents!

#### **Endowment 150**

Kickstart your RDSP! The Endowment 150 program (also called E150) helps individuals and families save for their future by providing a one-time \$150 grant to help their Registered Disability Savings Plan grow. \$150 grants are available for adults with RDSPs who are on lowincomes, and all children who are residents of BC and have an RDSP.

To apply, go to: rdsp.com/Endowment-150

# The Disability Tax Credit (DTC)

The DTC is a non-refundable tax credit that helps people with disabilities or their supporting persons reduce the amount of income tax they may have to pay when they file their taxes.

Being eligible for the DTC can open the door to other federal, provincial, or territorial programs such as the RDSP, the working income tax benefit, and the child disability benefit.

Have questions or need assistance with the DTC? DABC is able to assist individuals through one on one support.

Call: 604-872-1278 or 1-800-663-1278 Email: rdsp@disabilityalliancebc.org

# **Indigenous Navigation**

Indigenous people living in British Columbia who are looking for information and support with the RDSP and DTC can connect with one of BCANDS's Indigenous RDSP Navigators at:

#### Email: rdsp2@bcands.bc.ca Call: 250- 381–7303 - Ext: 204, or toll free: 1-888-815-5511 - Ext: 204

### **Covid-19 Resources**

Make sure you're up to date with the latest COVID-19 resources available:

COVID Disability-Related Resources for Families: cacl.ca/coviddisability

Prosper Canada's Financial Relief Navigator (FRN): A one-stop portal from where you can access critical COVID-19 emergency benefits: prospercanada.org

BC Gov. COVID-19 Support for Income & Disability Assistance: 1-866-866-0800 or go to myselfserve.gov.bc.ca

# Get in Touch!

Email: info@rdsp.com



Visit: www.rdsp.com

Call our toll-free helpline for information on the RDSP or any disability related questions, including:

- trusts & estate planning
- advocacy approaches
- government benefit programs
- social network building & staying connected during COVID-19

#### Helpline: 1-844-311-7526

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