



Pathways Abilities Society

March 16, 2020

Community Living BC issued a release today. For the full details AND UPDATES please go their website at <https://www.communitylivingbc.ca/for-service-providers/information-about-the-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-for-clbc-funded-service-providers/>.

This specific section applies to the notice posted and sent March 16, 2020:

“One question we are seeing emerge today from service providers is whether day programs should be considered non-essential and closed as a precaution. It is important that all decisions be based on public health expertise, in order that we do not create unnecessary challenges for individuals and families who rely on your services.

We have consulted with the Ministry of Health who DO NOT recommend that service providers unilaterally shut day programs unless advised by their local health authority. It may be advisable, however, to make adjustments to these programs in order to safely support all individuals and especially those who are medically fragile.

We have asked the Ministry of Health for additional advice on how to prevent transmission in settings like day programs and will pass this on as soon as we receive it.”

Pathways takes our direction from health and our funder Community Living BC. Please check CLBC’s website regularly as well for updates at <https://www.communitylivingbc.ca/for-service-providers/information-about-the-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-for-clbc-funded-service-providers/>. The website has information for **individuals and families as well as service providers**.

*Pathways is very committed to supporting individuals, their families and caregivers. Our services, other than our evening and weekend recreation service (which is closed until further notice), will remain open until we are otherwise directed by the **Ministry of Health** or CLBC under the following conditions: Please note that though BikeWays is closed, services are still being offered to those that attend that site and we are not allowing visitors to any of our sites including the homes.*

- First and foremost, if you can stay home please do. This is a national recommendation. Please do let us know and if you are not coming to services and if possible identify the duration i.e. until the restrictions due to the virus are lifted, a specific date April 6th, for at least 1 month, etc.

- We will be operating at an essential service and all community activities are cancelled.

- Social distancing within the service sites is paramount and required.

- You must wash your hands when you enter the building.

- You must be able to cough independently into your elbow.

- We will not be providing any coffee, etc.

- If we identify or are concerned that you are not well, you will be required to go home and may not be able to return until the pandemic is over.

If you fit into one of the following, until the COVID-19 crisis is over, you cannot attend our services:

- You are medically fragile.

- You are sick, *especially if you have a fever.*

- You have a compromised (bad) immune system.

- You have respiratory (problems with you lungs) disorders.

- You are over the age of 70 (this is for your own protection).

Please check out our website at www.pathwayskelowna.ca for updates.

Though we are instituting all of the above, applying universal precautions and are very confident in our precautionary measures, if you choose to attend our services please understand it is at your own risk.


If there is something Pathway’s can do during this unprecedented time, to help let us know. We will try our best to assist within the current constraints. Please email ed@pathwayskelowna.ca or call to **250-763-4837**.

In the month of April, we encourage all our stakeholders (people receiving services, staff, families and caregivers, etc.) to review our policies and procedures on our website and let us know if there are any changes or anything missing. Please email ed@pathwayskelowna.ca or give Charisse your feedback. **Thank you!**

**FRIENDLY REMINDER
ABOUT THE DATE CHANGES
SUMMER CLOSURE 2020**

Pathways is closed Monday,
August 24, 2020 to Friday,
August 28, 2020 **One week
Summer Closure** Re-
opening Monday, August 31,
2020 Summer closure change
from TWO weeks to ONE!

Happy Anniversary!



In month of **April** the following people started service with Pathways:

Angelina P. - 1986, Jeffrey Layne G. - 1986, Tim G. - 1993, Beverly P. - 1995, Murray M. - 1996, Daniel P. - 2000, Peter P. - 2003, Jessica (Emily) L. - 2016, Glen M. - 2016, Andrew M. - 2016, Donna C. - 2017, Ryan S. - 2017, Garrison F. - 2017, Patrick G. - 2018, Alistair Y. - 2019, Tessa H. - 2019

A note to all **social Recreation** participants that all evening and weekend events are cancelled due to COVID-19, until further notice.

FLU PREVENTION

****Wash your hands often with soap and water!**



****Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing!**



*****Stay home when you are sick!**



****Report flu-like symptoms to your doctor!**

****Don't touch others or shake hands!**



****Ensure your family has a plan to care for family members!**



****Avoid others who are unwell!**



OKANAGAN SELF-ADVOCATE GROUP
2020 WINTER/SPRING GUEST SPEAKERS

Adults over Age 19 with Autism or Diversabilities (Disabilities) Invited

At **PATHWAYS – 123 Franklyn Road in Rutland (use side entrance)**

***** REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR EACH PROGRAM *****



 <p>Saturday, May 30th 1-2:30 PM</p> <p>Topic: Becoming a Great Self-Advocate!</p> <p>Shelley DeCoste, Strategic Business Analyst Community Living B.C. (CLBC) <i>Creator of the word "Diversabilities"</i></p>	 <p>Saturday, June 27th 1-2:30 PM</p> <p>Topic: Community Mapping: Find the Best in Your Community!</p> <p>Sylvie Zebroff, M. Ed., Strategic Business Analyst, Community Living B.C. (CLBC)</p>
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*****Refreshments will be served*****

To Register Contact: Linda Youmans, Okanagan Self-Advocate Advisor
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