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Dear School Partner,

Community Living BC (CLBC) recommends starting transition planning to our services after a youth's 16th birthday to give youth and families time to discover and plan for this important step into adulthood.

On October 1, CLBC will fully implement an updated approach to how we engage and plan with people starting at age 16 and through the rest of their lifespan. The approach provides a new way to be welcomed to CLBC, strengthens people's connection to community, and provides clearer information about access to CLBC-funded services. Our updated approach also encourages early planning with youth and their families, and recognizes the important role our key partners play in the transition process.

We respectfully ask you to please circulate the *About CLBC* postcard, and a copy of this letter, to school and school district staff who work with youth with special needs and their families so they have this information on hand when referring youth and their families to CLBC.

The *About CLBC* postcards provide a summary of CLBC's role, and a link to our redesigned and simplified website (www.communitylivingbc.ca) where youth and their families can find plain-language information about eligibility, CLBC services and options for being welcomed to CLBC.

If you require additional copies of the postcard now or in the future, please contact the local CLBC manager. Their name and contact information can be found on our website under [Contacts>Find Your Local CLBC Office](#).

School and school district staff are key partners for CLBC in supporting youth into adulthood. In addition to our mutual roles in supporting youth as they transition into adulthood, many schools across the province have partnered with CLBC to host the Welcome to CLBC Workshops (see more information on the following page).

Thank you for circulating this information and helping smooth the transition to CLBC services for youth and their families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn Davies".

Lynn Davies
VP, Regional Operations
Community Living BC

Welcome to Community Living BC

Community Living BC (CLBC) is encouraging people new to CLBC services to attend four *Welcome to CLBC* workshops (see below) to learn about CLBC and our services, and to connect with other individuals and families.

Who can attend the Welcome to CLBC Workshops?

The *Welcome to CLBC* Workshops are open to people ages 16 and older, and their families. People who would like to attend the workshops do not have to be confirmed eligible for CLBC services.

How many and how long are the workshops?

The workshops are four 2-hour sessions held over a four week period. They may be held in partnership with the local middle or high school, or take place in other venues in community.

What options do eligible individuals have?

People who have already been confirmed eligible for CLBC services also have the option of meeting with a CLBC Facilitator to go through the workshop content if attending the series may not be a good fit.

What kind of content is covered at the four workshops?

The *Welcome to CLBC* workshops are interactive, engaging and participatory. People attending will receive valuable information about their community and CLBC.

The workshops are led by a CLBC Facilitator, and an individual and family member who are receiving CLBC services. The four workshop modules are:

- 1) **Getting Started:** This workshop introduces participants to the differences between the child and adult landscapes, provides basic information about Ministries and organizations an adult with a disability should be aware of, situates CLBC in the context of the adult landscape, and provides introductory information about topics of future workshops.
- 2) **Community Connections:** This hands-on workshop helps participants build new and stronger connections with each other, identifies and recognizes participants' abilities, provides opportunity to discuss what is in their community that may interest them, and begins a conversation about what we can do together to create a more inclusive community.
- 3) **Planning Choices:** This interactive workshop introduces the idea of person-centred planning, links planning to community assets, and provides information about the many ways that people can plan. It also introduces a Personal Summary tool individuals can use to start their plan for adulthood, and if they are interested in receiving CLBC services.
- 4) **CLBC – 'The Real Deal':** This informative workshop provides clear information about what CLBC is, CLBC's purpose and how it is organized. It introduces participant's to:
 - Each of the services in CLBC's *Catalogue of Services*,
 - Explains how services are funded based on disability-related,
 - How that need is determined,
 - How decisions are made about services, and
 - Explains Individualized Funding and person-centred society models.



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*Finding the right supports
for a good life can feel
overwhelming. We want
to help.*



CLBC is a government agency that supports adults age 19 and over with developmental disabilities. To learn if you might be eligible, or find the nearest office:

www.communitylivingbc.ca 1.877.660.2522

Who is eligible for CLBC?

You can start the application process after age 16. To be eligible, you must be age 19 or over and have a developmental disability, or have a diagnosis of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder or Autism Spectrum Disorder and need support for daily tasks.

What support does CLBC offer?

We connect people with their community and with CLBC funded services so that they can have more choices for work, for making friends and for living actively and safely in their communities.

How do I start?

Attend CLBC Welcome Workshops about Getting Started, Connecting to Community, Planning for Adult Life, and The Real Deal (how CLBC works). Or talk to a CLBC facilitator near you.



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