

## OTHER RESOURCES

### TIL (Technology for Independent Living)

- PROP members are automatically members of our TIL program. The TIL program assists people be more independent by providing Environmental Control Systems (ECS) which can enable you to operate devices within your home and on the go including, but not limited to: smart phone/tablet access, automatic door openers, and TV controls. Our biomedical engineering technologists and technicians can set up and individualize these systems specifically for you. For more information, please visit [www.technologyforliving.org](http://www.technologyforliving.org) or refer to the pamphlet in your TFL folder.
- YAT (Youth Assistive Technology) offers the same technology to youths (aged 12-18) before they transition to TIL.
- We Talk Tech series: <https://www.youtube.com/@TechnologyForLiving/videos>

### PEER Support Network

- Technology for Living has a peer support network that can facilitate a connection between you, your family, or care team and other people on our program who have experience living successfully in the community while using mechanical ventilation. They can help you by providing information about community programs, resources, and organizations which may help you to reach your goals as well as offer advice on how to navigate through the sometimes complicated adult healthcare system.
- The Peer Support Network includes Peers on Pages (POP!) a creative writing workshop
- The Pathways to Independence is a peer support group offering participants monthly facilitated meetings with up to 70-100 peers to discuss issues around living independently in the community (CSIL issues, changes in PWD legislation and general issues).
- The Peers offer Accessible Nature Wellness Programs in partnership with EcoWisdom.
- Please contact 1-866-326-1245 or email [peer@technologyforliving.org](mailto:peer@technologyforliving.org) to request PEER contact

### Respiratory Resources (tracheostomy)

- Global Tracheostomy Collaboration <https://www.globaltrach.org/>
- National Tracheostomy Safety Project <https://www.tracheostomy.org.uk/>
- Tracheostomy Review and Management Services (TRAMS) Austin Health <https://tracheostomyteam.org/for-patients/>

#### CAYA (Communication Assistance for Youth and Adults)

- Provincial resource that supports adults ages 19+ who require and augmentative/alternative communication system (AAC).
- [contact@cayabc.ca](mailto:contact@cayabc.ca)

Wavefront Centre for Communication Accessibility: <https://www.wavefrontcentre.ca/>

#### CSIL (Choice in Supports for Independent Living)

- Provides eligible individuals more flexibility in managing their home support care. CSIL clients receive funds directly for the purpose of hiring home support. Funds are based on a needs assessment.
- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/accessing-health-care/home-community-care/care-options-and-cost/choice-in-supports-for-independent-living>
- Help in navigating this process: <https://www.ifrcsociety.org/>
- Association of CSIL Employers (ACE): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CSIL.ACE> (*private group for CSIL employers*)

#### Disability Alliance (DABC)

- Provides advocacy support and advice. The DABC also help with preparing taxes, law clinics and PWD application process.
- <https://disabilityalliancebc.org/>

#### For Employment

- Neil Squire: <https://www.neilsquire.ca/individual-programs-services/workingtogether/>
- WorkBC: <https://findyourpath.workbc.ca/>

#### Housing

- The Right Fit Program: Matching individuals with disabilities to disability rental suites: <https://therightfitbc.org/>
- BC Housing: <https://www.bchousing.org/>
- BC Non-Profit Housing Association: <https://bcnpha.ca/>
- VRS Communities: <https://www.vrs.org/>
- Creating Accessible Neighborhoods (CAN): <https://www.canbc.org/>
- Shelter Line: Call 2-1-1 or <https://shelters.bc211.ca/bc211shelters>

#### Equipment Funding

- These foundations will fund applicants with financial need. The foundations can offer funding for wheelchairs, ramps, orthotics, lifts, scooters, etc.
- The Kinsmen Foundation of BC Apply here: <http://www.kinsmenfoundationofbc.ca/apply-for-funding/>
- The BC Rehab Foundation: <https://bcrehab.org/applications/individual-grant/>

- <https://www.assistlist.ca>
- <https://sci-bc.ca/marketplace>
- Langley Pos-Abilities <https://pos-abilities.org/personal-assistive-devices/>
- Red Cross (Health Equipment Loans Program): <https://www.redcross.ca/in-your-community/british-columbia-and-yukon>

#### Tetra Society

- <https://tetrasociety.org/>

Adaptive Sailing Association of BC: <https://asabc.org/>

#### Arts

- Vancouver Adapted Music Society: Vams: <https://vams.org/>
- Realwheels Theatre: <https://realwheels.ca/>
- Theatre Terrific: Supporting artists of all abilities in the rigorous creation of provocative theatre <https://www.theatreterrific.ca/>

#### Disability Support Groups: Offering Support and Resources in specific Areas

- Multiple Sclerosis Society: <https://mssociety.ca/>
- Spinal Cord Injury BC: <https://sci-bc.ca/>
- Muscular Dystrophy Canada homepage: <https://muscle.ca/>
- ALS Society of BC: <https://www.alsbc.ca/>
- Cure Spinal Muscular Atrophy: <https://curesma.ca/>
- Cerebral Palsy Association of BC: <https://www.bccerebralpalsy.com/>
- Defeat Duchenne Canada: <https://defeatduchenne.ca/>
- Polio/Post-Polio: <https://www.marchofdimes.ca/en-ca/programs/postpolio>
- The Disability Foundation: <https://disabilityfoundation.org/events/>
- Family Services Institute of BC: <https://familysupportbc.com/>
- Meaningful Access: <https://www.meaningfulaccess.com/>
- Langley Pos-Abilities Society: <https://pos-abilities.org/>
- The OT association <https://cotbc.org/>
- GF Strong Assistive Technology <https://www.vch.ca/en/location/gf-strong-rehabilitation-centre>
- Neil Squire Society <https://www.neilsquire.ca/>

#### General Information and Referral

- 211 offers information and referral on government, social and non-profit services, phone 2-1-1 or website: <https://bc211.ca/>
- Crisis Centre: offer barrier free, non-judgmental phone support 24/7 <https://crisiscentre.bc.ca/>
- Health Link: Call 8-1-1 or [HealthLinkBC@gov.bc.ca](mailto:HealthLinkBC@gov.bc.ca)