

Who We Are

The **British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society** or **BCANDS** is an award winning, non-political, community based, non-profit and charitable Indigenous organization.

Established in 1991, BCANDS enjoys a long and successful history in the delivery of disability information and support services and works in partnership with a variety of organizations, governments, communities and other stakeholders.

BCANDS is the only stand-alone organization of its type in Canada and is dedicated to assisting Indigenous persons living with a disability, through culturally safe and responsive multi-disciplinary / sectorial disability case management services and to the provision of relevant support services to our communities.

At BCANDS we believe that all Indigenous persons living with a disability have the right to have their needs addressed and enjoy their life to its fullest potential. This includes the right of having necessary support systems, such as BCANDS, available to assist in the access and creation, when necessary, of information, programs and services.

At BCANDS, we do not always have the answers immediately, but we will work with you and together find solutions to address your, your loved one, or your client's identified disability related needs.

If you are or know an Indigenous person living with a disability within the province of British Columbia whose needs assistance, please contact our office.



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"A true friend knows your weaknesses but shows your strengths; feels your fears but fortifies your faith; sees your anxieties but frees your spirit; recognizes your disability but emphasizes your possibilities"



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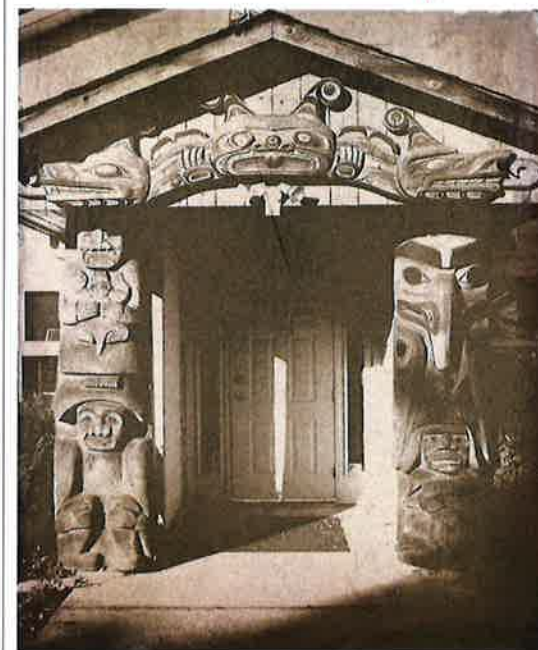
To request BCANDS disability related assistance / services please call our office or complete our online "BCANDS Online Client Service Request Form" at:

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Can We Help?

Indigenous persons both within British Columbia and across Canada continue to deal with the generational effects that European colonization has had on all aspects of our lives.

It is well documented that the health and disability status of Indigenous people in British Columbia and Canada is significantly lower than that of our non-Indigenous population.

Many Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities are additionally affected by minimal economic and employment opportunities, community remoteness, limited community access to necessary disability, health and social services, including their associated professionals, limited community amenities and so forth. Demands and expectations placed on community and organizational leadership are high with multiple priorities competing for limited financial resources.

Due to these diverse and ever increasing community and organizational priorities, the provision of specialized disability assistance and support services may be minimal, leaving the individual living with a disability, their family and support systems at times, frustrated. If this sounds familiar to you, or if you or a loved one is experiencing some of this frustration, know that you are not alone and that BCANDS may be able to assist.

BCANDS is proud to be partnered with the University of Victoria's School of Social Work and their practicum students who assist us in our Indigenous Disability Case Management Services!



Indigenous Disability Case Management Services

Through professional and dedicated BCANDS team members, our team works with each client individually, recognizing that their needs, goals and the challenges that they face are as unique as BCANDS itself and what works for one person, may not necessary work for the next.

When you request BCANDS disability services, you will be asked to provide information relating to yourself, your disability and health condition and the assistance you are seeking from the Society. All information is held in strict confidence and can only be released to an external service provider with your consent and only that information which is necessary to assist in the successful attainment of your disability related needs.

After the initial intake form is complete, BCANDS team members will work with you to identify possible solutions / directions both internally (through BCANDS) and through external service providers. BCANDS will then assist and coordinate the appropriate next steps in moving towards meeting your identified goals / needs. Time spent with each client varies depending on their needs and the availability of necessary resources to assist in reaching their goals as outlined in the individual case plan. Sometimes resources are not available in our client's community or, depending on their needs, do not exist at all. This requires us to think differently, creatively and to be bold and brave enough to challenge ourselves to imagine the realm of possibilities and strong enough to see those possibilities come true.

Who We Work With

To help ensure that our clients needs are adequately addressed, BCANDS has developed many relationships and works with a variety of disability / health stakeholders and service providers. These vital relationships assist us in helping our clients achieve their goals and their disability related needs addressed.

Some of these partnerships include, but are not limited to;

- Indigenous Health Agencies
- Indigenous Community Organizations
- Band Councils / Programs
- Friendship Centers
- Provincial Health Authorities
- Provincial Ministries
- Indigenous, Federal and Provincial Governments / Leadership
- Correctional Facilities
- Community Living British Columbia
- Universities / Schools
- Métis Nation British Columbia
- First Nations Health Authority
- Assembly of First Nations
- Employment / Training Agencies
- Community Based Health and Disability Organizations
- Private Disability / Health Service Providers
- Funding Organizations / Foundations
- Adaptive Technology Service Providers
- Therapists / Counselors
- Treatment Centre's
- Many Others