

## Who We Are

The **British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society** or **BCANDS**, is a non-political, community based, not-for-profit, charitable organization.

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

BCANDS is the only stand-alone organization of it's type in Canada and is dedicated to both improving the lives of Aboriginal persons living with a disability, through safe and responsive multi-disciplinary / sectorial disability case management services and to the provision of relevant health resources and information for our communities.

The BCANDS Health Resource & Information Centre maintains a large inventory of materials however, should we not have the health related information that you require, we'll do our best to locate the information and forward to you in a timely manner.



*“Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress in every society, in every family”*



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**To request information from the BCANDS Health Resource & Information Centre please call our office. To view some of our current resources please visit us online at:**

[www.bcands.bc.ca](http://www.bcands.bc.ca)



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## Can We Help?

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

Demands and expectations placed on the leadership of Aboriginal communities and organizations are high and ever increasing with multiple priorities competing for already limited financial resources and personnel.

In community, we see that health program and service staff are continually busy ensuring that their community members diverse health needs are met and met well. As such, often there is little time for staff to seek out health related resources, information or research programs and services that may be available to, and beneficial for, their clients.

### **BCANDS may be able to assist.**

BCANDS maintains a comprehensive array of health related materials and information within our main office. Over our 20 + years of service we have gained a wealth of knowledge in relation to available health and disability information, services and contacts.

If you, your client or your organization requires health related information and support, contact BCANDS and we'll do our best to get you the information that your require.



## Health Resource & Information Centre

Through responsive and dedicated BCANDS team members, our staff addresses each request for informational resources as a priority.

Time required to locate and send requested information / materials varies depending on the request and the availability of the resources.

Sometimes the specific resource information requested may not be maintained on site at the BCANDS office and will have to be requested from an external body, or the information area requested may not be known to, or have been requested from the Society prior. In this event extra time may be required to research the area of the request and to find the appropriate resources.

Currently, the Society maintains a listing of some of the resources available onsite at BCANDS on our website. These listing provides a description of the materials and has the ability to click and see an image of the specific resource.

In addition to the information noted above, BCANDS maintains information on various Aboriginal communities and organizations, as well as a variety of other health and disability programs and services from across British Columbia.

Online resources are updated and expanded continually to ensure that information is relevant and available to all Aboriginal persons and organizations within British Columbia.

## Who We Work With

The BCANDS Health Resource & Information Centre has a long and successful history of providing information support to health professionals and organizations. Some of the professionals and organizations that we have worked with through our Centre include, but are not limited to;

- Aboriginal Health Agencies
- Aboriginal Community Organizations
- Band Councils / Programs
- Health Directors
- Traditional Healers
- Doctors
- Nurses / Licensed Practical Nurses
- Community Health Representatives
- Mental Health Clinicians
- Addictions Workers
- Maternal and Child Health Key Workers
- FASD Key Workers
- Dental / COHI Workers
- Environmental Health Officers
- Child / Youth Workers
- Diabetes Programs
- Pre-Natal Programs
- Teachers
- Social Workers
- Federal and Provincial Governments

And many more!!

