



BC Community Living Action Group (BC-CLAG)

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Putting 'families first' includes restoring disability supports, report says

Community living partners present solutions to a growing crisis for adults with developmental disabilities

Press conference and report launch Wednesday, April 27 at 10am

Vancouver – A “Families First” agenda for British Columbia should include listening to families who are struggling to support adults with developmental disabilities, says the B.C. Community Living Action Group (BC-CLAG).

This is a key theme of a consensus report being released on Wednesday April 27 by BC-CLAG. The report, *“Reaching Out, Weighing In,”* emerged from a broad community dialogue launched in 2010 by all major partner groups, including families, self advocates, service providers and support staff.

The report will be launched at a press conference being held Wednesday, April 27, at 10 am.

The speakers will include a family member, an advocacy organization and a front line worker. They will each offer their own perspective on the community living crisis faced by adults with developmental disabilities and their families. Families provide 90% of supports for adults with developmental disabilities in British Columbia.

Press conference speakers include:

- Anita Dadson, BC FamilyNet;
- Dawn Steele, Moms on the Move;
- James Cavaluzzo, BC Government and Service employees' Union;
- Master of Ceremonies - Michael J. Prince, University of Victoria.

Summary

Press Conference – Report Launch

BC Community Living Action Group

Date: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 10am

Location: Developmental Disabilities Association Group Day Program, 624 West 8th Avenue, Vancouver
(close to City Hall - Cambie/West Broadway)

Mailing address: BC-CLAG c/o BCCPD #204 – 456 West Broadway Vancouver, BC V5Y 1R3



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About BC-CLAG

The BC Community Living Action Group (BC-CLAG) is a network of self-advocates, families, support staff and agencies who support adults with disabilities. Members include: BC Coalition of People with Disabilities, Moms on the Move, BC FamilyNet, BC Government and Service Employees' Union, Developmental Disabilities Association, BC Association for Community Living, Health Sciences Association of BC, Hospital Employees' Union, and the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

To learn more, visit <http://communitylivingaction.org>

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