



## What can you do if you are concerned about, or have been impacted by, cuts, closures and other changes in the community living sector?

As a result of government funding pressures, Community Living B.C. (CLBC) is currently implementing a budget management plan to reduce a \$22 million deficit by cutting services and supports for adults with developmental disabilities. Group homes are being closed, community inclusion programming is being reduced, support levels are being reassessed, and service delivery changes are being proposed without consultation with individuals and families.

***If you're concerned about this situation or if you or your family members have been impacted by these changes, you can contact any or all of the following:***

- **Jane Holland, the Advocate for Service Quality, at (604) 775-1238.**

The Advocate works independently of CLBC and the government. Her job is to help adults with developmental disabilities and their families who are having problems or are being treated unfairly in relation to community living services.

- **Kevin Krueger, the Minister of Social Development. He can be reached at [kevin.krueger.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:kevin.krueger.mla@leg.bc.ca) (phone TBD).**

Minister Krueger is the provincial cabinet minister responsible for community living services. Tell him about the problems you're experiencing and demand immediate action.

- **Rick Mowles, CEO of Community Living B.C., at 1-877-660-2522 or [rick.mowles@gov.bc.ca](mailto:rick.mowles@gov.bc.ca).**

Mr. Mowles runs CLBC. Tell him about the problems you're experiencing and demand immediate action.

- **Your local MLA, or the local paper or radio station in your area.**

You can find your MLA's name and contact information at <http://www.leg.bc.ca/mla/3-1-1.htm>.

***You can tell Jane Holland, Kevin Krueger, Rick Mowles, your MLA, and anyone else who you contact about this situation that you want to see:***

- An end to cost-driven closures, redesigns and service reductions.
- An increase in provincial funding to meet the service and support needs of adults with developmental disabilities in British Columbia.
- Renewed funding and support for individuals who choose group homes as their preferred residential service option.
- The removal of administrative and other barriers to accessing group home services.
- A thorough review of home sharing costs, outcomes and best practices in B.C. and other jurisdictions.

Home sharing is a service delivery option under which an adult with a developmental disability shares a home with an individual support provider. This support option is currently being promoted by CLBC. However, research on the cost and quality outcomes of home sharing is very limited.

- The development and implementation of a regulatory framework for home sharing, covering matters such as service standards, outcome measures, licensing, health and safety, respite, recruitment, training, and oversight.

Home sharing placements (involving 2 or less adults with developmental disabilities) do not require any form of licensing, and there is currently no regulatory framework for home sharing.