



## COMMUNITY ACTION EMPLOYMENT PLAN FACTSHEET

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### INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES – YOUR ROLE

Employment is a priority for people of all abilities. The goal of the Community Action Employment Plan (the Plan) is to increase the number of people with developmental disabilities who are working, and for people who are already employed, but want to work more, with increased opportunities for employment.

A key part of this work is the development of Local Employment Action Plans (LEAP) to advance inclusive employment in a way that meets the specific needs of each community across B.C.

Everyone has a role to play in developing a LEAP for their community, and everyone stands to benefit from its success.

As the focus of the work is on improving employment outcomes for adults with developmental disabilities, they and their families play a critical role in the development of a LEAP in their community.

Over the next three years, individuals and families are invited to get involved in the development of a LEAP in their area, and in these other key priorities from the Plan:

- Provide input into the Advancing New Support Options, a provincial project that is developing and implementing an “employment first” service option by 2018 that delivers improved employment and inclusion outcomes and increases use of informal or generic supports
- Attend and participate in familyWORKS presentations and meetings
- Support, attend and raise awareness about local youth transition fairs
- Ask your school and district to get involved in Local Employment Action Plans
- Help develop a blueprint for social enterprise
- Explore options to support families in advancing employment
- Support the [Speakers Bureau](#) and [Promoting our Abilities](#) projects to enable self advocates to play leadership roles

To find out more about the Community Action Employment Plan, visit [www.communitylivingbc.ca](http://www.communitylivingbc.ca).

To get involved in developing a LEAP for your area, contact your local Community Living BC office; the number can be found on the website outlined above.