



## COMMUNITY ACTION EMPLOYMENT PLAN FACTSHEET

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### SCHOOLS & SCHOOL DISTRICTS – YOUR ROLE

Employment is a priority for people of all abilities. The goal of the Community Action Employment 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.

Schools and school districts play a key role in helping youth with special needs to prepare for adult life in their communities.

Schools and school districts will be asked to contribute to developing a LEAP in their area in the following ways:

- Improve employment outcomes for transitioning youth by working with Community Living BC, the sector and local employment planning groups to scan, collect and evaluate best practices that will be used to develop initiatives to connect more youth to employment
- Provide students of all abilities with employment experience while still in school
- Explore options to support families in advancing employment

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.