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Personalized Supports Initiative (PSI)

Supporting adults with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and Autism Spectrum Disorder who face significant challenges in daily life





What is the Personalized Supports Initiative (PSI)?

CLBC introduced the Personalized Supports Initiative (PSI) in February 2010 to provide supports which are separate from the CLBC services for people with developmental disabilities. The PSI provides services to adults who have both significant limitations in adaptive functioning and either a diagnosis of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). ASD is also known as Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD).

Who should apply for the Personalized Supports Initiative?

Adults who have significant challenges with day-to-day living (adaptive functioning) and a diagnosis of FASD or ASD may apply. Youth may apply when they are over the age of 16 to receive supports when they become 19 years of age. When individuals apply, CLBC will need to confirm they are not eligible for CLBC's developmental disability services.

What does the Personalized Supports Initiative do?

The PSI provides an individualized and personalized approach to meeting the needs of eligible adults by coordinating existing community supports to help people to maintain or increase their independence. PSI augments, rather than replaces, existing support. Where necessary, PSI may provide funding for supports to live in your home, wellness supports, employment support, learning, homemaker services, and development of support networks.

How does the Personalized Supports Initiative work?

Individuals or their families may apply by contacting their nearest CLBC office in order for CLBC staff to determine their eligibility. Once the eligibility process has begun, CLBC staff will connect individuals and families to a welcome workshop in their area to initiate the information sharing and planning process.

A facilitator will coordinate the supports needed with other agencies or community members. Where community supports are unavailable, the facilitator may assist the family in obtaining individualized funding or contract with a community agency to provide the supports required.

Who's eligible?

To be eligible for services, individuals must be confirmed as not having a developmental disability. In addition they must have written assessments completed by certain approved professionals indicating they have a diagnosis of FASD or ASD. They must also have significant limitations in adaptive functioning, assessed by a qualifying practitioner using one of the following:

- a) the Scales of Independent Behaviour, Revised
- b) the Vineland Adaptive Behaviour Scales, Second or Third Edition
- c) the Adaptive Behaviour Assessment System, Second or Third Edition

Facilitators responsible for eligibility will review applications.