

DABC's mission is to support people, with all disabilities, to live with dignity, independence and as equal and full participants in the community.

We champion issues impacting the lives of people with disabilities through our direct services, community partnerships, advocacy, research and publications.



Advocacy Access has been a place of support, information and advocacy for people with disabilities, since 1989. Our mission is to help our clients receive the government benefits and services to which they are entitled.

We help people to access provincial (PWD/PPMB) and federal (CPP-D) benefits, and medical services and supplies available to PWD/PPMB recipients. Our advocates help with applications and appeals.

Here are some of the supports our advocates can help you with:

BC Disability Benefits

- Applying for the Persons with Disabilities (PWD) or Persons with Persistent and Multiple Barriers to Employment (PPMB) benefits
- Appealing the denial of PWD and PPMB (Reconsideration and Tribunal)
- Applying for and appealing denial of health supplements
- Understanding income assistance rights and responsibilities
- Resolving eligibility issues
- Understanding and benefitting from the Annualized Earnings Exemption



Canada Pension Plan Disability (CPP-D)

- Applying for CPP-D
- Appealing the denial of CPP-D: Reconsiderations and the Social Security Tribunal (SST)

Tax AID DABC

We help people receiving PWD or PPMB to file their income taxes. Our service is available all year, and our specialty is helping people to file multiple years of taxes.

Access RDSP

This program is a partnership with BC Aboriginal Network on Disability Society and Plan Institute. We help with all aspects of opening a Registered Disability Savings Plan, including the Disability Tax Credit.

Information, Referral and Advice

- We provide information about and referral to other community and government resources
- Our advocates can advise you about general disability-related issues

Publications

We publish a wide range of free self-help publications and advocates' guides on benefits and programs. They are available from our office or our website.

Partnerships

We work with our community partners to provide free legal clinics and social workers' assistance with Section 3 of the PWD application form. We also provide workshops and webinars on disability-related services and programs to community agencies, health professionals and individuals.

Our Team

DABC advocates are experienced with many of the unique challenges people with specific disabilities face in obtaining supports and benefits. Most have lived experience of disability.



To meet with an advocate, please call to make an appointment.
604-872-1278 Toll-Free 1-800-663-1278

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I don't understand the Persons with Disabilities (PWD) application. Can you help?

A: Yes. Our advocates will help you complete the form and gather the information you need to support your application.

Q: Are there other benefits or programs I'm eligible for?

A: We can explain which other benefits you may be eligible for, such as special diet allowances, and help you to apply for them.

Q: My PPMB application has been denied, but I think I should qualify. What should I do?

A: We can review your case with you, clarify why it was denied and assist you with your appeal, if there are grounds to do so.

Q: I receive PWD and will be getting an inheritance. Does this mean I'll lose my benefits?

A: Not necessarily. We can advise you about your options.

Q: I'm interested in applying for CPP-D. How many years do I need to have worked and paid into the CPP program?

A: Generally, you need to have worked and paid into CPP for four years out of the last six years that you worked.

DABC Privacy Policy

DABC values and upholds people's rights to privacy and the protection of their personal information. For a copy of our Privacy Policy, contact Privacy Officer Justina at 604-875-0188.



Contact Us

For information and assistance, please contact our Advocacy Access Program at the numbers below.

To meet with an advocate in person, please call first to make an appointment.

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