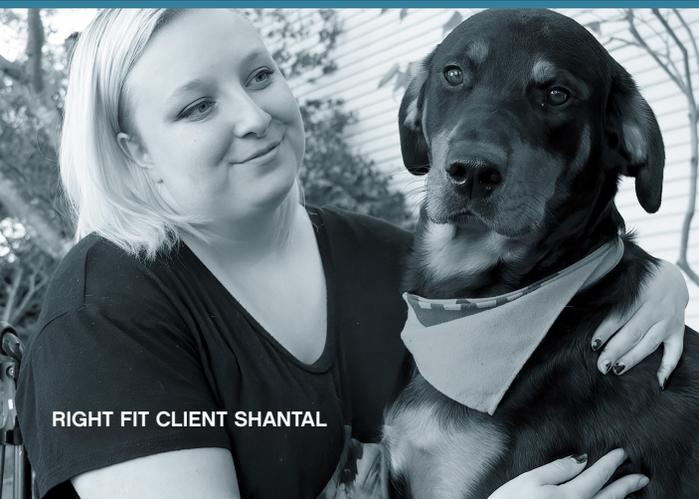




In British Columbia, the demand for affordable, accessible homes far outweighs the supply.

Wheelchair users often wait years to find a home. They live in unsafe housing where they may not have access to basic amenities such as a kitchen or a bathroom. They are the invisible homeless.

Since 2017, the Right Fit program has worked to address the crisis in wheelchair accessible housing. Our program is a multi-partner service that matches wheelchair users to accessible homes and the supports required for them to live independently in British Columbia.



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Who We Are

The Right Fit is led by Disability Alliance BC (DABC) in partnership with the Individualized Funding Resource Centre Society (IFRC).

The program is governed by a Steering Committee that includes BC Housing, Spinal Cord Injury BC, VRS Communities, SPARC BC, City of Vancouver, Fraser Health Authority, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority and the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction.

What We Do

- We provide peer-led navigation to wheelchair users and their families. This includes an assessment of all disability support needs, including home support, equipment and assistive technology.
- We match eligible clients to appropriate housing that is a Right Fit for them.
- We conduct outreach and education to housing providers to encourage them to adapt, modify and retain accessible units.
- We identify wheelchair accessible housing stock and define “accessible unit” features with an Accessibility Checklist.
- We collaborate with governmental and non-governmental organizations to remove systemic barriers to accessible housing.
- We promote a steady future supply of accessible, affordable housing.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Am I eligible for the Right Fit?

A: Applicants must need fully wheelchair accessible housing, i.e. they use a power or manual wheelchair for in-home mobility. There are no age restrictions and approval for provincial Persons with Disabilities (PWD) benefits is not needed.

A current BC Housing application for wheelchair accessible subsidized housing is not required. However, having an open file with them is encouraged to expedite the referral process if a BC Housing subsidized unit becomes available.

Q: Will I be housed faster by participating in the Right Fit?

A: The Right Fit is not an emergency housing program, nor will it allow you to bypass the BC Housing wait list.

Our navigators provide resources and assist clients to clearly identify needs and priorities. Navigators also provide support through the application and transition process once a suitable housing match is identified.

Q: What happens once I contact a navigator?

A: A navigator will schedule an intake meeting with you, by telephone or online. They will confirm your eligibility, clarify housing needs and ensure you have the necessary documents to access subsidized housing and support services.

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They also assist with applying for health services or equipment.

Q: What are the benefits for participating housing providers?

A: We help housing providers find wheelchair users who are a Right Fit for their vacant accessible units.

BC Housing may also provide financial assistance to help eligible providers reserve vacancies for Right Fit participants. Housing providers retain full control over tenant selection for their property.

Q: What kind of properties does The Right Fit offer access to?

A: All forms of accessible rental housing including subsidized, co-op housing, lower end market and market value housing.

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If you are a housing provider and have an accessible vacant unit or if you would like to learn more about our Accessibility Checklist: housing@therightfitbc.org

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