



# DIVERSABILITY SERVICE PROVIDER RESOURCE LIST

CHILDREN & TEENS

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# CENTRAL OKANAGAN

## Adaptive Functioning, Psychoeducational Assessment

### **Aubrey Psychological Services**

**Dr. Kate Aubrey**

(236)420-1867

info@drkateaubrey.com

#210-347 Leon Ave. Kelowna, B.C.

www.drkateaubrey.com

Psycho-educational assessments, autism screening, anxiety, ADHD, behavioural concerns

Fee for Service

Referral : None required

### **Interior Health Children's Assessment Network (IHCAN)**

**Interior Health**

(250)763-4122

505 Doyle Ave. Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 0C5

www.interiorhealth.ca

Assessment and diagnosis (ASD, FASD)

Free Service

Referral : pediatrician, psychiatrist or medical specialist

### **Okanagan Ability Centre**

(250)762-7790

abilitycentre@telus.net

#102-2040 Springfield Road, Kelowna, B.C.

www.okanaganabilitycentre.com

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) & Learning Disabilities Assessments

Fee for Service

Referral : None required

## **Alpha Behaviour Services- Autism Kelowna**

**Henrietta Penney, Behaviour Consultant**

(250)762-9073

henpenney@shaw.ca

Centre- based Home Services

www.henriettapenney.com

Intensive Behaviour Intervention (IBI) program for autism (ASD) and related disorders; Toolbox for Success Workshops (for family and professionals)  
Autism Funding

## **ARC Programs Ltd. Autism Behaviour Intervention**

**Caryn Richardson, Program Co-ordinator**

(250)763-2977 Ext. 107

CRichardson@arcprograms.com, arcprograms@arcprograms.com

Programs run at the Boys and Girls Club-1434 Graham Road, Kelowna, B.C.

www.arcprograms.com

Behaviour Intervention & social skills groups for Autistic children under age 6

Training for parents on how to reduce challenging behaviours

Autism Funding or Fee for Service

## **ARC Programs Ltd. - Behaviour Consultation**

**Candice Henriques, Program Director**

(250)763-2977 Ext. 120

CHenriques@arcprograms.com; arcprograms@arcprograms.com

513 Bernard Avenue, Kelowna, B.C.

www.arcprograms.com

Behaviour Assessment and Support Services (BASS) program and Behaviour Consultation

Free Service

Referral : Ministry of Child and Family Development - Children and Youth with Special Needs (CYSN)

## **D & L Consulting**

**Lana St. Hilaire and Dan Kalyn**

(250)868-0242

dandlconsulting@shawbiz.ca

785 Cadder Avenue, Kelowna, B.C., V1Y 5N7

Behaviour consultation and Social Skills Development Groups

Free Service

Referral : Ministry of Child and Family Development (MCFD); Children and Youth with Special Needs(CYSN)

## **Okanagan Child & Youth Services**

**Diane Serres, Director**

(250)899-1520

diane.serres@okcys.ca

www.okcys.ca

Behaviour consulting and intervention

Autism Funding or Fee for Service

## **Okanagan Centre for Autism Intervention**

**Shauna Wiebe or Kim Nutley**

Shauna Wiebe (250)801-0820, Kim Nutley (250)801-2172

shauna@ocai.ca; kim@ocai.ca

#207-1767 Harvey Avenue, Kelowna, B.C., V1Y 6G4

www.ocai.ca

Early intensive behaviour intervention programming for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) children and Parent / Community workshops

Autism Funding

## **Starbright Children's Development Centre (formerly COCDA - Central Okanagan Child Development Association)**

(250)763-5100, Toll Free:1.877.763.5100

info@starbrightokanagan.ca

1546 Bernard Avenue, Kelowna, V1Y 6R9

www.starbrightokanagan.ca

Infant development, autism program, supported child development, occupational therapy, speech language therapy & physical therapy

Autism Funding

Referral : Ministry of Child and Family Development (MCFD); Physician or Parent

## Stepping Stones Counselling

### **Bonnie McGill, Behaviour Consultant / Under 6 Coordinator**

(250)763-7414 or 1-855-763-7414

[bonnie@steppingstonesokanagan.ca](mailto:bonnie@steppingstonesokanagan.ca), [info@steppingstonesokanagan.ca](mailto:info@steppingstonesokanagan.ca)

1893 Ethel Street, Kelowna, B.C.

[www.steppingstonesokanagan.ca](http://www.steppingstonesokanagan.ca)

Behaviour Intervention (ASCEND)

Autism Funding or Fee for Service

## Dr. Kate Aubrey

### **Kate Aubrey, Registered Psychologist**

(236)420-1867

[info@drkateaubrey.com](mailto:info@drkateaubrey.com)

#210 – 347 Leon Avenue Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 8C7

[www.drkateaubrey.com](http://www.drkateaubrey.com)

Comprehensive assessment, treatment and counselling support for children and adolescents

Fee for service

## The Foundry

(236)420-2803

[foundrykelowna@cmha.bc.ca](mailto:foundrykelowna@cmha.bc.ca)

#100-1815 Kirschner Road, Kelowna, B.C., V1Y 6G3

[foundrybc.ca/kelowna](http://foundrybc.ca/kelowna)

Counselling on depression, anxiety, OCD, etc. - For ages 12-24

Free Services

Referral : None required

## Gilmour Counselling

### **Tammy Gilmour, M.Ed., R.C**

(250)469-2399

[tgilmour@shaw.ca](mailto:tgilmour@shaw.ca)

#200-1789 Harvey Avenue, Kelowna, B.C., V1Y 6G4

Therapeutic support for children, youth and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their families

Autism Funding

## **Kelowna Professional Group**

(250)762-2525

kpg@shawbiz.ca

1631 Dickson Avenue, Kelowna, B.C.

www.kelownaprofessionalgroup.com

Counselling for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD), anxiety, behaviour issues, etc.

Fee for Service or Work Benefit plans

Referral : doctor or self-referral

## **Okanagan Child & Youth Services**

**Diane Serres, Director**

(250)899-1520

diane.serres@okcys.ca

www.okcys.ca

Behaviour consulting, counselling, social /life skill development, social programs for Autism (ASD)and other developmental disabilities; Mentor programs

Autism Funding or Fee for Service

## **Stepping Stones Counselling Group**

**Erin Rodier, Therapist - Over 6 Coordinator**

(250)763-7414 or 1-855-763-7414

erin@steppingstonesokanagan.ca, info@steppingstonesokanagan.ca, eric@steppingstonesokanagan.ca

1893 Ethel Street, Kelowna, B.C.

www.steppingstonesokanagan.ca

Counselling for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and developmental disabilities. (ASCEND) Program

Autism Funding or Fee for service



### Claro Learning Centre

**Jen Vazenilek, Program Director**

(250)864-5997

kelowna@clarolife.com

1912 Enterprise Way, Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 9S9

www.clarolife.com

Help with academics, life and social skills for children / teens with Autism Spectrum Disorder(ASD), Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and other developmental disorders

Fee for Service

### J. Poole Educational Services

**Joanne Poole, Registered Nurse and Educator**

(250)878-2584

joannepoole@shaw.ca

Held at client's home or via SKYPE

Provides parent / educator workshops on autism, anxiety, sensory sensitivity, challenging behaviour, teaching strategies, etc.

Fee for Service

### KLEOS Open Learning

**Laura McEwan, Principal**

(778)484-5554, 1-877-866-1667

principal@kleos.ca; office@kleos.ca

#205-251 Lawrence Avenue, Kelowna, B.C., V1Y 6L2

www.kleos.ca

Online school specializing in special and inclusive education for children with anxiety, Autism (ASD), learning disabilities and other diversabilites

Fee for Service ; Small enrollment fee ; Programming is Free

## Vista Academy

**Henrietta Penney, M.S.Ed.**

(250)762-9073

henpenney@shaw.ca

Kelowna, B.C.

www.vistaacademy.ca

An alternative home-schooling option for children with autism and related disorders

Under direction of Home school

## Employment Assistance

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### familyWORKS

**Tracy Beckett, coordinator**

tlbeckett12@gmail.com

<https://familysupportbc.com/familyworks>

Supports and connects families with members who have disabilities to work towards employment

Free Service

### Okanagan Boys & Girls Club (Martin)Kelowna

**Lianna Michaylow**

(250)762-3914Ext. 115

lmichaylow@obgc.ca

1434 Graham Street, Kelowna, B.C., V1Y 9H2

[www.boysandgirlsclubs.ca](http://www.boysandgirlsclubs.ca)

Work Experience/ Volunteering Assistance

Free Service

Referral : Ministry of Children and Families, Children and Youth with Special Needs (CYSN)

## **STRIVE Support Services**

### **Brenda Shields & Vanessa Thompson**

Brenda Shields (778)214-2441, Vanessa Thompson (250)253-2959

letsstrive@gmail.com

Mailing address: 555 Glenmeadows, Kelowna, B.C., V1X 1V5

strivesupport.com

Employment Support through job search, work readiness training and on-the-job support

Free Service

Referral : Community Living B.C. (CLBC)

## **Work B.C. (MAXIMUS Canada Employment Services, Inc.)- Rutland**

(778)753-6045

info@maximusworkbc.ca

#103-285 Aurora Crescent, Kelowna, B.C. V1X 7N6

www.MaximusWorkbc.ca

Employment Support

Free Service

## **Work B.C. (MAXIMUS Canada Employment Services, Inc.)- Downtown Kelowna**

1-778-478-8390

info@maximusworkbc.ca

#102-1640 Pandosy Street, Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 1P3

www.MaximusWorkbc.ca

Employment Support

Free Service

## **Thompson Community Services**

### **Kevin Anam Cara, Employment Manager**

(778)753-6718

reception@tcsinfo.ca

www.tcsinfo.ca

Employment Support through job search, work readiness and on-the-job support

Free Service

Referral : Community Living B.C. (CLBC)

# Family Support

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## **Autism British Columbia(Formerly Autism Society of B.C.)**

**Lisa Watson, Regional Coordinator (Interior)**

(250)212-4075

[lwatson@autismbc.ca](mailto:lwatson@autismbc.ca)

[www.autismbc.ca](http://www.autismbc.ca)

Provide information and referral services, community support groups, educational events

Free Service

## **Autism Okanagan**

**Vicki Cairns, Director**

(250)469-0014

[info@autismokanagan.ca](mailto:info@autismokanagan.ca)

#200- 2000 Spall Road, Kelowna, B.C., V1Y 4R1

[www.autismokanagan.ca](http://www.autismokanagan.ca)

Provide information, resources, education, training, programs and activities in an autism-friendly environment

Free Service

## **Institute of Families for Child and Youth Mental Health Family Smart**

**Lori Raible, Parent-in-Residence**

(250)212-3030 or 1-855-887-8004

[lori@forcesociety.com](mailto:lori@forcesociety.com) or [info@familysmart.ca](mailto:info@familysmart.ca)

[www.familysmart.ca](http://www.familysmart.ca)

Refer parents to resources, Workshops for parents geared towards mental health, Parent-in-Residence & Youth -in-Residence program

Free Service

## **OkanaganFamily Autism Connection**

**Deanna, President**

[info@autismconnection.ca](mailto:info@autismconnection.ca)

<http://autismconnection.ca>

Guide families with autism diagnosis through funding, paperwork, finding a professional, local events, etc.

Free Service

## Financial Future/ Support

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### **PLAN Okanagan**

**Mary Bickert, Co-ordinator**

(250)860-2080

[mary@planok.ca](mailto:mary@planok.ca) or [info@planok.ca](mailto:info@planok.ca)

1650 Bernard Avenue, Kelowna, B.C., V1Y 6R9

[www.planok.ca](http://www.planok.ca)

Workshops on wills, estate planning, RDSP's, future planning etc; assist with establishing networks to monitor adults with special needs

Free Service

## Funding or Referrals

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### **Community Living British Columbia (CLBC)**

**John Bergman, Manager**

(250)712-3610 or 1-877-660-2522

#140 - 1060 Manhattan Drive, Kelowna, B.C., V1Y 9X9

[www.communitylivingbc.ca](http://www.communitylivingbc.ca)

Provide funding for young adults with developmental disabilities to hire service providers (age 19 and older)

Free Service

### **Ministry of Children and Family Development, Children and Youth with Special Needs (CYSN)**

(250)712-3609 (Kelowna)

[mcf.childrenyouthspecialneeds@gov.bc.ca](mailto:mcf.childrenyouthspecialneeds@gov.bc.ca)

#107-1664 Richter Street, Kelowna, B.C., V1Y 8N3

[www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/spec\\_needs/index.htm](http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/spec_needs/index.htm)

Provides funding for programs and services for children and youth with special needs and their families

Free Service

# Recreational Programs

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## Arion Therapeutic Farms

**Heather Henderson, Director**

(778)477-1006

[ariontherapeuticfarm@gmail.com](mailto:ariontherapeuticfarm@gmail.com)

2457 Saucier Road, Kelowna, B.C, V1W 4B8

[www.ariontherapeutic.farm](http://www.ariontherapeutic.farm)

Therapeutic Horse Riding, Empowerment Programs for Young Adults, Social Programs

Autism Funding or Fee for Service

## Canucks Autism Network

1 (604)685-4049

[info@canucksautism.ca](mailto:info@canucksautism.ca)

[www.canucksautism.ca](http://www.canucksautism.ca)

Sports and social programs for children and teens with autism

Membership Fee - Free Events

## Community Recreational Initiatives Society (CRIS) Adaptive Adventures

**Dawn Widdifield, Executive Director**

(250)979-3941

[general@adaptiveadventures.ca](mailto:general@adaptiveadventures.ca)

Box 25141, Mission Park PO, Kelowna, B.C., V1W 3Y7

[www.adaptiveadventures.ca](http://www.adaptiveadventures.ca)

Assists people with physical and sensory disabilities to experience nature through adaptive equipment for a variety of outdoor activities such as kayaking, etc.

Free Services

## **Okanagan Boys & Girls Club (Martin)- Downtown Kelowna**

**Lianna Michaylow**

(250)762-3914 ext. 115

[lmichaylow@obgc.ca](mailto:lmichaylow@obgc.ca)

1434 Graham Street, Kelowna, B.C., V1Y 9H2

[www.boysandgirlsclubs.ca](http://www.boysandgirlsclubs.ca)

Special events and programs for children/teens with special needs

Free Services

Referral : Ministry of Children and Families, Children and Youth with Special Needs  
(CYSN)

## **Okanagan Boys & Girls Club- Rutland**

**Tammy Wong**

(250)765-3345

[twong@obgc.ca](mailto:twong@obgc.ca)

355 Hartman Road, Kelowna, B.C.

[www.boysandgirlsclubs.ca](http://www.boysandgirlsclubs.ca)

Special events and programs for children/teens with special needs

Free Services

Referral : Ministry of Children and Families, Children and Youth with Special Needs  
(CYSN)

## **Parkinson Recreation Centre**

(250)469-8759

[recreation@kelowna.ca](mailto:recreation@kelowna.ca)

1800 Parkinson Way, Kelowna, B.C., V1Y 4P9

[www.kelowna.ca/recreation](http://www.kelowna.ca/recreation)

Provide access to adapted recreation programs (sports, art, etc.) and /or  
discounted recreation pass for persons with a permanent cognitive or physical  
disability

Access Pass required

Referral : Referral letter from a Professional

## **Powderhounds Adaptive Snowsports (PAS)**

**Gail Williamson, Powderhounds Director**

(250)861-3302

[phparticipants@pimbc.ca](mailto:phparticipants@pimbc.ca)

#23-1720 Ethel Street, Kelowna, B.C., V1Y 2Y7 (People in Motion Office)

[www.pimbc.ca](http://www.pimbc.ca)

Adaptive skiing, snowboarding and snowshoeing for physically and sensory - challenged children and teens - Operates at the Big White Mountain Resort  
Registration Fee

## **Special Olympics BC – Kelowna (SOBC)**

**Susan Foisy, Local Coordinator**

(250)878-6313

[susan.foisy02@gmail.com](mailto:susan.foisy02@gmail.com) or [info@SOBC-Kelowna.org](mailto:info@SOBC-Kelowna.org)

SOBC Kelowna, PO Box 23018, Plaza 33 RPO, Kelowna, B.C., V1X 7K7

[www.sobc-kelowna.org](http://www.sobc-kelowna.org)

Competitive sport experience programs for children/ teens with intellectual disabilities

Membership in the SOBC

## **SwimAbility Okanagan (Formerly Making Waves)**

1-888-530-5610 Ext. 10

[okanagan@swimability.org](mailto:okanagan@swimability.org)

Parkinson Recreation Centre, 1800 Parkinson Way, Kelowna, B.C., V1Y 8G7

[www.okanagan.bc.swimability.org](http://www.okanagan.bc.swimability.org)

Affordable one-on-one swimming instruction for children with special needs  
Fee for Service



# Transitioning To Adulthood

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## Access Resources

### **Cliff Andrusko, Director**

(250)763-2217 Ext. 203

[cliff@accessresources.ca](mailto:cliff@accessresources.ca) or [info@accessresources.ca](mailto:info@accessresources.ca)

981 Borden Avenue Kelowna, B.C., V1Y 6A5

[www.accessresources.ca](http://www.accessresources.ca)

Community Access Programs (CAP), Youth in Transition, Community Support, Counselling, Social skills programs

Individualized funding (IF) or Personalized Supports Initiative (PSI) funding from Community Living B.C. (CLBC)

Referral : Community Living B.C. (CLBC)

## ARC Programs Ltd.

### **Warren Bongers, Program Co-ordinator**

(250)763-2977 Ext. 117

[WBongers@arcprograms.com](mailto:WBongers@arcprograms.com) or [arcprograms@arcprograms.com](mailto:arcprograms@arcprograms.com)

513 Bernard Avenue, Kelowna, B.C.

[www.arcprograms.com](http://www.arcprograms.com)

Personal Supports Initiative (PSI) & Developmental Disability Programs

Free Services

Referral : Community Living B.C. (CLBC)

## Okanagan Child & Youth Services

### **Diane Serres, Director**

(250)899-1520

[diane.serres@okcys.ca](mailto:diane.serres@okcys.ca)

[www.okcys.ca](http://www.okcys.ca)

Social and Life Skills Programs and Mentor Programs

Autism Funding or Fee for Service

## **Personal Lifestyle Support, Inc.**

**Tamara Papineau, Executive Director**

(250) 979-8869

[plsokanagan@hotmail.com](mailto:plsokanagan@hotmail.com)

[www.personallifestylesupport.com](http://www.personallifestylesupport.com)

Life Skills and Employment Readiness and Support

Community Living B.C. (CLBC) or Autism Funding or Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFC) or Fee for Service

Referral : Community Living British Columbia (CLBC)

## **STRIVE Support Services**

**Brenda Shields or Vanessa Thompson**

Brenda Shields (778)214-2441 or Vanessa Thompson (250)253-2959

[letsstrive@gmail.com](mailto:letsstrive@gmail.com)

Mailing Address: #19 - 555 Glenmeadows, Kelowna, B.C., V1X 1V5

[strivesupport.com](http://strivesupport.com)

Life Skills, Community Inclusion

Free Services

Referral : Community Living British Columbia (CLBC)

## **Thompson Community Services**

**Kevin Anam Cara, Employment Manager**

(778)753-6718

[reception@tcsinfo.ca](mailto:reception@tcsinfo.ca)

[www.tcsinfo.ca](http://www.tcsinfo.ca)

Independent Living Support and Community Inclusion

Free Services

Referral : Community Living (CLC)

## **Kumon Mainstreet Centre**

**Susan Earl, Instructor**

(250)808-6284

[susanearl@ikumon.com](mailto:susanearl@ikumon.com)

#103 – 2041 Harvey Avenue, Kelowna, B.C., V1Y 6G7

[www.kumon.com](http://www.kumon.com)

Individualized programs for Math and Reading comprehension for preschool to high school students (international global program)

Autism Funding or Fee for Service

## **Mind Over Learning**

**Astrid Kostaschuk and Becky Furney, Specialized Learning Consultants**

(250)860-0084

[tutors@mindoverlearning.com](mailto:tutors@mindoverlearning.com)

#5-1925 Kirschner Road, Kelowna, B.C., V1Y 4N7

[www.mindoverlearning.com](http://www.mindoverlearning.com)

One-on-one teaching with emotional sensitivity for K – University students with various learning disabilities, such as dyslexia

Fee for Service

## **Sylvan Learning**

(250)861-1255

[kelowna@sylvan.bc.ca](mailto:kelowna@sylvan.bc.ca)

2065 Enterprise Way, Kelowna, B.C., V1Y 8R6

[www.sylvanlearning.com](http://www.sylvanlearning.com)

One-on-one teaching K- University Level for students with various developmental and learning disabilities

Fee for Service

# NORTH OKANAGAN

## Adaptive Functioning, Psychoeducational Assessment

### **Learning Disability Association of B.C. Vernon Chapter**

**Nadiene Shannon**

(250)542-5033

ldavernon6@gmail.com

#102-3402 27th Avenue Vernon, B.C.

www.ldabc.ca

Level B Assessments

Fee for Assessments

Referral : through a professional

## Behaviour Intervention

### **ABC/Anderson Behavior Consulting**

**Michele Anderson, Director, Kamloops and Interior**

(250)299-3530

michele@andersonbehaviorconsulting.com

www.andersonbehaviorconsulting.com

B.C. Certified Behaviour Analysts or Consultants, Early Intervention Autism

Social Skills Groups

Fee for Service

### **Alpha Behaviour Services- Autism Kelowna**

**Henrietta Penney, Behaviour Consultant**

(250)762-9073

henpenney@yahoo.com

Behaviour Intervention therapy - in-home

www.henriettapenney.com

Intensive Behaviour Intervention (IBI) program for autism and related disorders

Autism Funding

## **Okanagan Centre for Autism Intervention**

**Kim Nutley**

(250)801-2172

[kim@ocai.ca](mailto:kim@ocai.ca)

#207-1767 Harvey Avenue, Kelowna, B.C., V1Y 6G4

[www.ocai.ca](http://www.ocai.ca)

Early intensive behaviour intervention programming for children with Autism (ASD) and Parent / Community workshops  
Autism Funding

## **Counselling**

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### **Community Connections Revelstoke Society**

(250)837-2920

[info@community-connections.ca](mailto:info@community-connections.ca)

314 Second Street. East, Revelstoke, B.C., V0E 2S0

[www.community-connections.ca](http://www.community-connections.ca)

Counselling in anxiety, depression, ADHD, Parent/Child Conflict, Relationships and Family Counselling  
Free Services

### **North Okanagan Youth and Family Services Society (NOYFSS)**

(250)545-3572

[reception@noyfss.org](mailto:reception@noyfss.org)

3100 32nd Avenue, Vernon, B.C., V1T 2L9

[www.noyfss.org](http://www.noyfss.org)

Counselling for children with Autism, Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD/ADHD) and other diversabilities and school-based counselling  
Free Services

## Possibility Concepts

### **Assunta Rosal, Counsellor**

(250)878-5517

[assunta@rosal.ca](mailto:assunta@rosal.ca)

10344 Bottom Wood Lake Road, Lake Country, B.C.V4V 1V5

<https://rosal.ca/>

Counselling for children / teens with dual diagnosis of mental health and diversibilities and counselling and advocacy support to families, teens and children managing issues related to autism and other diversabilities

Fee for Service or Autism Funding or First Nations Health Authority (FNHA)

## Sky High Professional Group

### **Kerry Casperson**

(250)309-6850

[kerrycaspersoncounselling@gmail.com](mailto:kerrycaspersoncounselling@gmail.com)

B2 - 3334 30th Avenue, Vernon, B.C., V1T 2C8

[www.skyhighprofessionalgroup.ca](http://www.skyhighprofessionalgroup.ca)

Individual and Group Therapy - Anxiety, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD), Life Skills

Fee for Service, Autism Funding or Work Benefit Plans

## Employment Assistance

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## Focus Ability Workable Solutions

### **Pearl Hiemstra**

(250)253-3045

[info@focusability.ca](mailto:info@focusability.ca)

#101 - 371 Hudson Avenue NE, Salmon Arm, B.C., V1E 4R5

[www.focusability.ca](http://www.focusability.ca)

Assist with finding employment, job coaching

Fee for Service

## STRIVE Support Services

### **Vanessa Thompson or Brenda Shields**

Vanessa Thompson (250)253-2959 (Salmon Arm) or Brenda Shields (778)214-2441 (Kelowna)

[letsstrive@gmail.com](mailto:letsstrive@gmail.com)

Mailing Address: #19 - 555 Glenmeadows, Kelowna, B.C., V1X 1V5

[strivesupport.com](http://strivesupport.com)

Employment Support through job search, work readiness training and on-the-job support

Free Services

Referral : Community Living British Columbia (CLBC)

## Thompson Community Services

### **Kathryn Willardson, Community Services Manager**

(778)692-5472

[reception@tcsinfo.ca](mailto:reception@tcsinfo.ca)

The People Place - 3402 27th Avenue, Vernon, B.C.

[www.tcsinfo.ca](http://www.tcsinfo.ca)

Employment Support through job search, work readiness training and on-the-job support

Free Services

Referral : Community Living British Columbia (CLBC)

## Family Support

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## Community Connections Revelstoke Society

(250)837-2920

[info@community-connections.ca](mailto:info@community-connections.ca)

314 Second Street. East, Revelstoke, B.C., V0E 2S0

[www.community-connections.ca](http://www.community-connections.ca)

Infant and Supported Child Development: In-home consultation for families with children with a developmental delay or disability and Family Support Program for children with developmental difficulties, a physical handicap or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Free Services

## **Learning Disability Association of B.C.Vernon Chapter**

### **Naidene Shannon**

(250)542-5033

ldavernon6@gmail.com

#102-3402 27th Avenue Vernon, B.C.

www.ldabc.ca

Connect families with children with learning disabilities with local professionals and Maintain current information regarding learning disabilities  
Free Services

## **Okanagan Family Autism Connection**

### **Deanna, President**

info@autismconnection.ca

www.autismconnection.ca

Guide families with autism diagnosis through funding, paperwork, finding a professional, local events, etc.

Free Services

## **North Okanagan Youth and Family Services Society (NOYFSS)**

(250)545-3572

3100 32nd Avenue, Vernon, B.C., V1T 2L9

www.noyfss.org

Life Skills for children, Parenting Strategies training

Free Services

## **Shuswap Children's Association**

### **Tim Gibson, Executive Director**

(250)833-0164

info@shuswapchildrens.ca

P.O. Box 2579, 240 Shuswap Street NE, Salmon Arm, B.C., V1E 4R5

www.shuswapchildrens.ca

Provide Family Support Service – Infant Development Program, FASD Key Worker, Family Support Worker, Family Navigator, referrals to Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Supported Child Development, Infant Development, FASD keyworker and Respite offered to parents

Behavior Intervention - The Nest, Positive Behavior Support

Recreation - Outdoor Playgroup

Free Services

Referral : Self-Referral or Referral from a Professional



## **Sky High Professional Group**

**Kerry Casperson**

(250)309-6850

kerrycaspersoncounselling@gmail.com

B2 – 3334 30th Avenue, Vernon, B.C. V1T 2C8

[www.skyhighprofessionalgroup.ca](http://www.skyhighprofessionalgroup.ca)

Parent Support Groups

Fee for Service

## **Recreational Programs**

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### **Okanagan Boys and Girls Club (Armstrong)**

**Trina Devine**

(250)542-3121

[tdevine@obgc.ca](mailto:tdevine@obgc.ca)

3385 Pleasant Valley Road, Armstrong, B.C.

[www.boysandgirlsclubs.ca](http://www.boysandgirlsclubs.ca)

Life Skills Program, and Community Integration Program

Free Services

Referral : Ministry of Children and Families -Children and Youth with Special Needs  
(CYSN)

### **North Okanagan Therapeutic Riding Association (Vernon)**

**Dani Goldenthal**

(250)549-0105

[notra@telus.net](mailto:notra@telus.net)

9380 Highway 97N, Box 58, Armstrong, B.C, V0E 1B0

[www.notra.info](http://www.notra.info)

Therapeutic Horse Riding

Fee for Service

## **Community Connections Revelstoke Society**

(250)837-2920

[info@community-connections.ca](mailto:info@community-connections.ca)

314 Second Street. East, Revelstoke, B.C., V0E 2S0

[www.community-connections.ca](http://www.community-connections.ca)

Independent Living Skills and Youth Mentoring Program

Free Services

## **Okanagan Boys & Girls Club (Armstrong)**

**Trina Devine**

(250)542-3121

[tdevine@obgc.ca](mailto:tdevine@obgc.ca)

3385 Pleasant Valley Road, Armstrong, B.C.

[www.boysandgirlsclubs.ca](http://www.boysandgirlsclubs.ca)

Life Skills Program, and Community Integration Program

Free Services

Referral : Ministry of Children and Youth with Special Needs (CYSN)

## **Okanagan Boys & Girls Club (Vernon)**

**Trina Devine**

(250)542-3121

[tdevine@obgc.ca](mailto:tdevine@obgc.ca)

3300 37th Avenue, Vernon, B.C.

[www.boysandgirlsclubs.ca](http://www.boysandgirlsclubs.ca)

Life Skills Program Community Integration and Youth Drop-in Program

Free Services

Referral : Ministry of Children and Youth with Special Needs (CYSN)

## Shuswap Children's Association

### **June Stewart, Executive Director**

(250)833-0164

info@shuswapchildrens.ca

P.O. Box 2579, 240 Shuswap Street NE Salmon Arm, B.C., V1E 4R5

www.shuswapchildrens.ca

LOFT, an after school/ summer program for 6-18 year- olds (social skills, life skills, transitions)

Free Services

Referral : Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD)

## STRIVE Support Services

### **Vanessa Thompson or Brenda Shields**

Vanessa Thompson (250)253-2959 or Brenda Shields (778)214-2441

letsstrive@gmail.com

strivesupport.com

Transitioning to adulthood, Life skills, Community Inclusion, Employment Support

Free Services

Referral : Community Living British Columbia (CLBC)

## Tutoring

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## Kumon

### **Dionne Brown, Instructor**

(250)307-7174

dionnembrown@hotmail.ca

Japanese Culture Centre 4895 Bella Vista Road Vernon, B.C., V1H 1A1

www.kumon.com

Individualized programs for Math and Reading Comprehension for preschoolers to high school students

Autism Funding or Fee for Service

## **Learning Disability Association of B.C. (Vernon Chapter)**

**Naidene Shannon**

(250)542-5033

ldavernon6@gmail.com

#102-3402 27th Avenue Vernon, B.C.

[www.ldabc.ca](http://www.ldabc.ca)

Tutoring for students with learning disabilities

Fee for Service

## **Sky High Professional Group**

**Kerry Casperson**

(250)309-6850

[kerrycaspersoncounselling@gmail.com](mailto:kerrycaspersoncounselling@gmail.com)

B2 - 3334 30th Avenue, Vernon, B.C., V1T 2C8

[www.skyhighprofessionalgroup.ca](http://www.skyhighprofessionalgroup.ca)

Fine Motor Skill Development, Organizational Strategies, Individual Education Plan (IEP) specifics

Fee for Service

# **SOUTH OKANAGAN**

## **Behaviour Intervention**

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### **Okanagan Centre for Autism Intervention - Serves West Kelowna**

#### **Shauna Wiebe or Kim Nutley**

Shauna Wiebe, (250)801-0820 or Kim Nutley (250)801-2172

Shauna Wiebe, shauna@ocai.ca or Kim Nutley, kim@ocai.ca

#207-1767 Harvey Avenue, Kelowna, B.C, V1Y 6G4

[www.ocai.ca](http://www.ocai.ca)

Early intensive behaviour interventions programming for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Parent / Community workshops  
Autism Funding

### **Okanagan Similkameen Neurological Society**

(250)492-0295 or 1(866)492-0295

[info@osns.org](mailto:info@osns.org)

#103-550 Carmi Avenue, Penticton, B.C., V2A 3G6

[www.osns.org](http://www.osns.org)

Autism Intervention Program

Autism Funding

Referral : Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD)

### **Stepping Stones Counselling**

(250)763-7414 or 1-855-763-7414

[info@steppingstonesokanagan.ca](mailto:info@steppingstonesokanagan.ca)

#205-74 Wade Avenue East, Penticton, B.C.

[www.steppingstonesokanagan.ca](http://www.steppingstonesokanagan.ca)

Behaviour Intervention for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and (ASCEND Program)

Autism Funding or Private-Fee for service

## **Gilmour Counselling**

**Tammy Gilmour, M.Ed., R.C.**

(250)469-2399

tgilmour@shaw.ca

#105-347 Leon Avenue Kelowna, B.C.

Therapeutic support for children, youth and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their families

Autism Funding

## **Lower Similkameen Community Services Society**

(250)499-2352

admin@lscss.com

310 Veterans Avenue, Keremeos, B.C., VOX 1N3

www.lscss.com

Counselling for Anxiety, Attention Deficit or Hyperactivity Disorders (ADHD, ADD), pervasive development disorder (Autism), Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD), etc.

Free Services

Referral : Children and Youth Mental Health Office (CYMH)

## **Stepping Stones Counselling**

(250)763-7414 or 1-855-763-7414

info@steppingstonesokanagan.ca

#205-74 Wade Avenue East, Penticton, B.C.

www.steppingstonesokanagan.ca

Counselling, social programs for children/ teens with ASD, Pdd-NOS (Atypical autism) and other developmental disabilities. (ASCEND Program)

Autism Funding or Private-Fee for service

## Westside Counselling

**Jacqueline Fry Anderson, Counsellor, Registered Social Worker (RSW)**

(778)214 – 2965

[jacqueline\\_anderson@live.ca](mailto:jacqueline_anderson@live.ca)

3654 Hoskins Road, West Kelowna, B.C., V4Y 2S1

<http://westsidecounseling.vpweb.ca/>

Counselling for individuals and families who have children or teens with diversabilities such as Autism Spectrum Disorder(ASD, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder (FASD, stress-related or behaviour issues

Fee for Service or Autism Funding or Extended Health Benefits

## Employment Assistance

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### Maximus Canada Employment Services

(778)754-5890

[info@maximusworkbc.ca](mailto:info@maximusworkbc.ca)

#1-2448 Main Street, West Kelowna, B.C. V1W 4V3

[www.MaximusWorkbc.ca](http://www.MaximusWorkbc.ca)

Job Search, Employment skills training, on-the-job support

Free Services

## Family Support

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### Lower Similkameen Community Services Society

(250)499-2352

[admin@lscss.com](mailto:admin@lscss.com)

310 Veterans Avenue, Keremeos, B.C., VOX 1N3

[www.lscss.com](http://www.lscss.com)

Parenting Skills Support, Life Skills Training, Effective Communication Training  
– Self-Esteem Support, and Referrals to other agencies, etc.

Free Services

## **Okanagan Family Autism Connection**

### **Deanna, President**

info@autismconnection.ca

<http://autismconnection.ca>

Guide families with autism diagnosis through funding, paperwork, finding a professional, local events, etc.

Free Service

## **Okanagan Similkameen Neurological Society**

(250)492-0295 or 1 (866)492-0295

info@osns.org

#103-550 Carmi Avenue, Penticton, B.C., V2A 3G6

[www.osns.org](http://www.osns.org)

Group parenting programs; Referral follow-up and services coordination; and

In-home practical parenting support

Free Services

Referral : Self-Referral or Referral from Professional

## **Recreational Programs**

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### **Okanagan Boys & Girls Club (Summerland)**

#### **Jennifer Anderson**

(250)404-0440

janderson@obgc.ca

Summerland Boys and Girls Club, 9111 Peach Orchard Road, Summerland, B.C.

[www.boysandgirlsclubs.ca](http://www.boysandgirlsclubs.ca)

Special events and programs for children/teens with special needs

Free Services

Referral : Ministry of Children and Family Development, Children and Youth with Special Needs (CYSN)



## **Okanagan Boys & Girls Club (West Kelowna)**

**Cathy Warner**

(250)768-3049

cwarner@obgc.ca

West Kelowna Boys and Girls Club, 2929 Inverness Road, West Kelowna, B.C.  
www.boysandgirlsclubs.ca

Special events and programs for children/teens with special needs

Free Services

Referral : Ministry of Children and Family Development, Children and Youth with  
Special Needs (CYSN)

## **SwimAbility Okanagan (Formerly Making Waves)**

1-888-530-5610 Ext. 10

okanagan@swimability.org

Lessons at: Johnson Bentley Memorial Aquatic Centre, 3737 Old Okanagan  
Highway, West Kelowna, B.C.

www.okanagan.bc.swimability.org

Affordable one-on-one swimming instruction for children with special needs  
Fee for Service

## **Transitioning To Adulthood**

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## **Okanagan Boys & Girls Club (Summerland)**

**Jennifer Anderson**

(250)404-0440

janderson@obgc.ca

Summerland Boys and Girls Club, 9111 Peach Orchard Road, Summerland, B.C.  
www.boysandgirlsclubs.ca

Life Skills Program for teens and children

Free Services

Referral : Ministry of Children and Families, Children and Youth with Special Needs  
(CYSN)

## Okanagan Boys & Girls Club (West Kelowna)

**Cathy Warner**

250)768-3049

cwarner@obgc.ca

West Kelowna Boys and Girls Club, 2929 Inverness Road, West Kelowna, B.C.  
www.boysandgirlsclubs.ca

Life Skills Program for teens and children

Free Services

Referral : Ministry of Children and Families, Children and Youth with Special Needs  
(CYSN)

## Tutoring

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### Connect to Learn

**Suzanne Allan, Owner/Educator**

(250)470-7218

suzconnect@icloud.com

#10-1515 Westgate Road, West Kelowna, B.C., V1Z 3X4

www.connecttolearnkelowna.ca

Orton Gillingham certified tutoring full-time or part-time distributed learning  
(K- Grade 12), Structure of Intellect Remediation Program Certified

Free Services or Private Fee for Service

Referral : Ministry of Children and Family Development, Children and Youth with  
Special Needs (CYSN) or Autism Funding

### Learn Right Tutoring

**Charlotte Evans**

(250)718-8489

ogread@shaw.ca

5219 Sutherland Road, Peachland, B.C., V0H 1X2

Tutor students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Dyslexia, Attention  
Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), etc., Trained in Orton Gillingham and

Structure of Intellect

Fee for Service

## Westside Tutor

**Linda Noakes, Founder/Teacher**

(250)769-7841

lignoakes@shaw.ca

#104-1680 Ross Road, West Kelowna, B.C, V1Z 1L9

[www.westsidetutor.ca](http://www.westsidetutor.ca)

One-on-one tutoring with children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD),

Learning Disabilities such as Dyslexia (Trained in Orton Gillingham)

Fee for Service



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