



Research Fact Sheets Series

Fact Sheet #1

The Centre for Inclusion and Citizenship (CIC)

Who are we?

The Centre for Inclusion and Citizenship is a partnership between the UBC School of Social Work, community living organizations and supporters who want to promote the inclusion and full citizenship of people with intellectual disabilities and their families locally, nationally and globally.

What do we do?

The Centre was created to meet a need to do research in the community living sector* that can influence* and inform policy* and practice and inform people on best practices. The CIC wants to advance inclusion and full citizenship through learning, research, and knowledge exchange, meaning that we organize activities to share our research findings with people in the community and the government. We believe in inclusion, citizenship, access, lifelong learning, leadership and collaboration*. The CIC works together with community partners to do research that will have a positive, meaningful influence on the lives of people with intellectual disabilities, their families and communities. This can include informing policy and practice in the community living sector.



Some of the research projects we have done are:

- A review of home sharing: This project was done to better understand what works well in home sharing and what could be improved upon to ensure a good life for people with intellectual disabilities living in home shares.
- A review of individualized funding: The purpose of this study was to find and take a close look at how services are used, the cost of these services, and the different ways services are paid for (funded) within Community Living BC.
- An evaluation of the Equipment and Assistive Technology Initiative (EATI): This project looked at how the assistive technology that participants had received through EATI was impacting them and their employment goals.

Where is the CIC?

The CIC has an office at the University of British Columbia Vancouver campus and one at the University of British Columbia Okanagan campus, but research is done everywhere. The CIC works hard to do research all over the province (and sometimes nationally and internationally), in different areas and settings. Our research is not done at our offices but out in communities all over BC.

Why is the CIC important?

The CIC is the only university-based research Centre in Canada focused on intellectual disability policy and practice. The CIC is important because we demonstrate* leadership that can be applied to other sectors.

Research done by the Centre can:

- help us understand community living issues
- look closely at problems within systems
- help us figure out ways to make positive changes
- be used to advocate for change; research gives us information about how things could be improved
- provide evidence that can inform policy and practice
- help us build stronger communities

*Starred words are explained using plain language in the Fact Sheet Series Glossary on the CIC website: cic.arts.ubc.ca

“The work we are doing with our community and academic partners reinforces my belief in the power of knowledge to impact social change.”

— Rachelle Hole

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