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BC DISABILITY COLLABORATIVE HOSTING DISABILITY SUMMIT JUNE 19-20, 2024

THE SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM for children and youth with disabilities and support needs in BC is at a crossroads. It is time for disability-oriented groups to present a united voice to government.

The **BC Disability Collaborative (BCDC)** is announcing an upcoming Disability Summit, co-sponsored by the **Office of the Representative for Children and Youth (RCY)**.

The Summit will be held on June 19-20, 2024 and will take place, in person, at the Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue, 580 W. Hastings St., Vancouver, in the lower concourse room.at the Wosk Centre for Dialogue in Vancouver, B.C. Gathering 8:30am-9:30am, event commences 9:30am-3:30pm both days.

Note: This event is **By Invitation Only** to ensure representation from organizations that support people with a wide range of disabilities and support needs.

This significant event is the first time in BC's history that organizations from differing disability and support groups will come together to mutually advocate, take the lead, and activate the process to write our own story for the future of children and youth with disabilities and support needs in our province. We believe that we are stronger together and that our collective voice has the power to influence real change that will result in a better system of care for ALL BC children and youth with disabilities and support needs, no matter where they live.

THE BCDC is a volunteer organization that currently consists of 15 not-for-profit organizations that are working together to advocate for change in BC government policies affecting children and youth with disabilities and support needs (www.bcdisabilitycollab.ca).

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