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Reminders

- ASPECT Conference** is a month away.
- Canada-BC Job Grant** applications for training starts between now & March 31, 2017 now being accepted.

CEO Report

ASPECT Presentation to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Affairs

Every year the provincial government releases a **pre-budget consultation document** and asks for British Columbians to provide feedback. This past Wednesday, ASPECT had the opportunity to make its presentation.

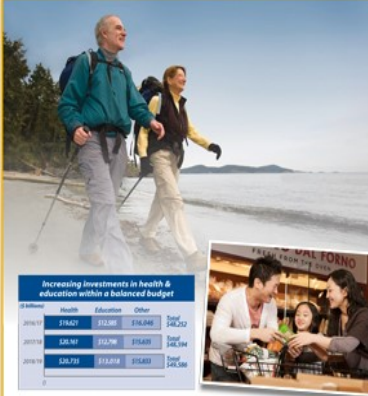
Because of our ongoing provincial tour and visits with our members, as well as our participation in the Labour Market Transfer Agreement Consultations this past summer, I was able to address a reoccurring theme: the employment sector needs an investment into wrap around services if we are to meet the present and future needs of this province.

The term "wrap around services" is a general descriptor that includes services or conditions that support long-term, meaningful employment. ASPECT's presentation focuses on four recommendations to overcome hurdles to employment that were identified in almost every community we have visited:

1. Support needed for addictions and mental health services.
2. Support needed to fund affordable housing initiatives.
3. Support needed for transportation infrastructure, especially in rural & remote communities.
4. Support needed for affordable and quality childcare.

If you'd like to read my entire presentation, please **click here**. If your organization has not made a submission to the Budget 2017 Consultations, I encourage you to take moment to do so. This is a perfect time to inform and educate funders and policy-makers about the importance of the employment sector and remind them our collective contribution to our individual communities.

Regards,
Janet Morris-Reade



Budget 2017 Consultation

British Columbia's economic fundamentals remain strong as we begin preparations for Budget 2017. With an ongoing legislative commitment to balanced budgets and the realization of steady economic growth, we are able to envision modest investments that support continued wellbeing and affordability of living in B.C. Our balanced budget is the keystone of our economic plan. It demonstrates our commitment to living within our means and to securing an affordable future for coming generations of British Columbians. We want your input and ideas on how the B.C. government can improve services and the delivery of those services within this balanced budget framework. Budget Consultation Paper 2017 is a way for us to seek your feedback in the B.C. government prepares for Budget 2017 covering the three-year fiscal plan (2017-18 - 2019-20).

	Health	Education	Other	Total
2017-18	\$160.7	\$12.88	\$16.84	\$190.42
2018-19	\$163.7	\$12.76	\$17.43	\$193.96
2019-20	\$167.7	\$12.67	\$18.03	\$198.43

British Columbians have until Friday, October 14th to make a submission.

Members in the News: Castlegar grocery store owner awarded for employing persons with disabilities

Posted by Castlegar News

The Kootenay Career Development Society Work BC has awarded a local grocery store owner for providing employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.

[Click to read more.](#)

Members in the News: Keep an open mind when hiring people with disabilities: expert

Posted by The Times Colonist

Liana Robinson has a simple message for employers considering hiring someone with a disabling condition: "Keep an open mind to any potential."

[Click to read more.](#)

B.C. auditor general says IT projects costing millions need more oversight

Posted by CBC.ca

British Columbia's information technology projects must be developed with input from people who actually use them to ensure they don't fail, the province's auditor general says.

[Click to read more.](#)

For many Canadians struggling with mental-health issues, therapy isn't an option. Private help is expensive and the psychologists and social workers in the public systems are difficult to access. Doctors report having too few options for patients who need therapy but don't have the money or employee insurance to pay for it. And even those with workplace benefits often don't get enough to cover more than a handful of appointments.

[Click to read more.](#)

Canada-B.C. Job Grant Application Intake Dates

As a delivery partner, ASPECT can assist with CJG applications under three streams of funding to which eligible employers can apply:

Current Intake	Accepting Applications	Training Start Dates
Opens October 1, 2016		
All Funding Streams	October 1 - December 31, 2016	January 1 - March 31, 2017*
Opens January 1, 2017		
All Funding Streams	January 1 - December 31, 2017	April 1 - August 31, 2017

*Applications continue to be accepted for training with start dates between October 1 and December 31, 2016, for the Priority Sectors, and for training with start dates on or before December 31, 2016, for the Unemployed stream, the Underrepresented stream and the Refugee Fund until those targets are met.

Starting January 1, 2017

CJG Fiscal Intakes	Accepting Applications	Training Start Dates
Intake 1	January 1 - March 31, 2017	April 1 - August 31, 2017
Intake 2	April 1 - June 30, 2017	September 1 - December 31, 2017
Intake 3	October 1 - December 31, 2017	January 1 - March 31, 2018

For full details and eligibility go to aspectcanadabcjobgrant.ca

ASPECT 2016 Provincial Conference - Registration is now open!





DELTA OCEAN POINTE RESORT
VICTORIA, BC

Whether you are frontline staff
or management in the
employment sector,
there is something
at this conference for you.



The full program and registration details are on the website.

www.ASPECTconference.ca

Get a 10% discount flights with WestJet for travel to the conference.

Use code T2WKUWD.

For full details on how to use the conference code, go to westjet.com/convention-discount

ASPECT Member Agency Job Postings

Did you know that over 50% of the clicks in our weekly news brief are for job postings? Send us your agency's postings to be included.

Early Childhood Educator Assistant
Chilliwack Community Services, Chilliwack
Closes: October 7, 2016

[Click for details.](#)

Manager of Youth Programs
MOSAIC BC
Closes: October 8, 2106

[Click for details.](#)

Employment Counsellor/Facilitator
MOSAIC BC
Closes: October 14, 2106

[Click for details.](#)

Program Assistant
MOSAIC BC
Closes: October 14, 2106

[Click for details.](#)

Recruitment Specialist
MOSAIC BC
Closes: October 14, 2106

[Click for details.](#)

Employment Program Developer
Our Place Society, Victoria, BC
Closes: October 10, 2016

[Click for details.](#)

Teaching Assistant
DIVERSEcity
Closes: October 14, 2016

[Click for details.](#)

To have your job opportunity included in the newsletter, please send the details including a link to your posting to nreich@aspect.bc.ca.

Professional Development Events

The CAPLARPL Boot Camp
October 14 & 15, 2016
The Grand Hotel & Suites, Toronto, ON

CAPLA's recognition of prior learning (RPL) Boot Camp is for the brave, strong and disruptive innovator who wants to improve the way we acknowledge learning in Canada!

[Click here for more information.](#)

Family Focus Conference
October 21 - 23, 2016
Richmond, BC

Family Focus has always been a conference "for families by families". Families face many similar issues when advocating on behalf of their children, and over the years, thousands of families have attended to learn, share ideas and experiences, and connect with one another for support and strength.

[Click here for more information.](#)

ASPECT 2016 Provincial Conference

November 3 & 4, 2016

Delta Ocean Pointe Resort, Victoria, BC

Whether you are front line staff or management in the employment sector, there is something at this conference just for you.

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2017 Cannexus Conference

January 23-25, 2017

Shaw Centre, Ottawa, ON

Come together with more than 900 of your peers to exchange information and explore innovative approaches in the areas of career counselling and career development.

Register now: <http://cannexus.ca/registration/>

ASPECT Tour Dates

ASPECT is hitting the road!

- Aug 15-18: Kootenays - Thank you for your time!
- Aug 21-27: North & Central - Thank you for your time!
- Sept 12-15: Fraser Valley - Thank you for your time!
- Sept 19-22: Vancouver Island & Sunshine Coast - Thank you for your time!
- Sept 26-30: Caribou-Thompson-Okanagan - Thank you for your time!
- Oct 3-7: Lower Mainland
- Oct 11-14: Vancouver
- Oct 17-19: Victoria & Duncan

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