

## **OUR MISSION**

The Williams Lake Association for Community Living recognizes the inherent value of each person and supports each person in their decisions and choices in life. The Association is committed to supporting individuals in developing independence and inclusion in our community in any aspect of life chosen by the person. It is the underlying aim of this society to assist people in achieving their greatest level of independence.

## **OUR VALUES**

THE WLACL VALUES:

### **PEOPLE FIRST**

- A recognition of the value and uniqueness of every individual
- Respect for the strengths, gifts, talents and capacities of every individual
- Respect for individual and family diversity
- A focus on individual contributions rather than labels or diagnoses

### **HUMAN DIGNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

- Honour and protection of individual rights
- A commitment to advocacy
- Respect for individual dignity, privacy and confidentiality

### **EMPOWERMENT**

- Respect for individual values and beliefs
- Honour and protection of individual choices and decisions
- A commitment to providing empowering supports and services

### **PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY**

- A commitment to responsible and ethical practice
- A commitment to least intrusive, least restrictive practice
- Respectful, courteous behaviour toward individuals, personal support networks
- Commitment to growth

## **OUR SERVICES**

*To find out if you qualify for the services listed below, please contact Community Living BC. 250-398-4992.*

### **Summit Opportunity Centre**

A life skills training and drop in centre designed to help individuals optimize their personal, social and vocational competency. In addition to recreational and social activities, the Centre offers a wide variety of training opportunities, including pre-employment training, cooking, computers, personal safety and daily living skills. Program hours are 8:00am - 4:00pm Monday through Friday. *\*\*There is currently a waitlist for this program\*\**

### **Supported Living**

Addresses the desires, goals, strengths, abilities, needs, health, safety and life span issues of persons usually living in their own home, or with a care giver or family. Supported living services are generally long-term in nature but may change in scope, duration, intensity, or location as the needs and preferences of individuals change over time. Program hours are 8:00am – 4:00pm.

### **Community Employment**

Provides employment services that assist individuals seeking employment in choosing, obtaining, and retaining integrated employment in the community. Assessment information about the person seeking employment is utilized to target the types of jobs available from potential employers in the local labour market. Job support and routine follow-up with employers is crucial to the long term effectiveness of community employment. Program hours are 8:00am – 4:00pm

### **Shared Living**

This service assists individuals to find a shared living situation in which he/she is a valued person in the home and has supports as desired to be a participating member of their community. Providers are screened, monitored and supported.

### **Community Housing**

Community housing addresses the desires, goals, strengths, abilities, needs, health, safety and life span issues of individuals residing in a home owned by the WLACL. These services are designed to assist individuals to achieve success in and satisfaction with community living. Community housing enhances the independence, dignity, personal choice, and privacy of the persons supported.

### **Respite**

Respite services facilitate access to time-limited, temporary relief from the ongoing responsibility of service delivery for the persons served, families, and/or organizations. Respite homes are screened, monitored and supported.

### **Horizons Seniors Program**

Provides opportunities for seniors affected by a developmental disability to remain involved in their community and stay mentally and physically active. The program offers

a wide variety of activities that are specifically developed for seniors. Program hours are 8:00am – 3:00pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.