

## **Prader-Willi Syndrome Specific Resources**

**Prader Willi Syndrome Association USA** For the most comprehensive and up to date information on PWS, this site should be your first stop.  
<http://www.pwsausa.org/index.html>

**Foundation for Prader-Willi Research (FPWR)** this organization's goal is to fund research to help eliminate some of the challenges of PWS <http://www.fpwr.ca/>

**Video uploads from PWS Conferences** Excellent presentations from PWS experts on subjects like Anxiety and OCD (Dr Elizabeth Roof) and Growth Hormone (Dr. Jennifer Miller) <http://www.youtube.com/user/fpwrcanada>

**The Children's Institute of Pittsburgh** is the world's only comprehensive, hospital-based inpatient program for medical, behavioral and rehabilitation management of both children and adults with Prader-Willi syndrome <http://www.amazingkids.org/Medical-Services/the-center-for-prader-willi-syndrome>

## **Financial Resources**

**BC Coalition for People with Disabilities** free self-help guides for people with disabilities who need to access provincial disability benefits and the medical services, equipment and supplies provided by the Ministry of Social Development (MSD).  
<http://www.bccpd.bc.ca/money.htm>

**Registered Disability Savings Plan** The RDSP is a new federally registered savings plan that is delivered by the Canada Revenue Agency. It is designed to ensure long-term financial security for people with disabilities. Beneficiaries may receive the added benefit of government grants and bonds. The RDSP, grant and bond are an initiative of the Government of Canada. This savings plan aligns with the Independent Living philosophy encouraging people with disabilities to plan for their long term financial security and the future costs of disability needs.  
<http://www.esdc.gc.ca/eng/disability/savings/index.shtml>

**Disability and Income Assistance** Government site with links to income support and services for people with Developmental Disabilities <http://www.eia.gov.bc.ca/pwd.htm>

**Disability Tax Credit** If you or your child has Prader-Willi Syndrome, you should qualify for this credit. It is a monthly amount that varies according to your income. You will need a doctor to fill out the necessary paperwork <http://rdsp.com/tutorial/how-do-you-apply-for-the-disability-tax-credit/>

**P.L.A.N.** is a membership-based non-profit organization, established by and for families committed to ensuring the safety, security and well-being of our relatives with disabilities. Free workshops on financial planning and RDSPs. <http://plan.ca/>

**Family Caregiver Tax Credit** enacted in 2011, a tax credit of \$2,040 for families of dependents with a disability. <http://actionplan.gc.ca/en/blog/supporting-caregivers-through-family-caregiver-tax>

**Vancouver Foundation** Has grants for accessibility related home renovations. Also provides a \$150 grant towards an RDSP <http://www.endowment150.ca/>

**Travel Assistance Program** If you need to travel outside your home community for non-emergency medical appointments, BC has a program to pay for these travel costs. <http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/tapbc/>

**Disability Travel Card **\*\*Freebie!\*\***** this card enables the companion/attendant of a person with a disability to travel for free on VIA Rail, Greyhound ,Coach Canada. The person with the disability must be over the age of 13. <http://easterseals.ca/english/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/DisabilityTravel-Card2012.pdf>

**Free Air Travel for Companion of person with special needs** In 2009, airlines within Canada were required to adopt the “one person, one fare” regulation that provides for the fare of the person who must accompany a person with disabilities aboard the flight. Please visit the airlines website or call for all necessary details to obtain this no-cost ticket. There are a number of forms that must be filled out by a doctor. [http://www.renfreweducation.org/docs/default-source/articles/Assistance\\_Available\\_to\\_Passengers\\_With\\_Special\\_Needs\\_on\\_Canadian\\_Airlines.pdf?sfvrsn=0](http://www.renfreweducation.org/docs/default-source/articles/Assistance_Available_to_Passengers_With_Special_Needs_on_Canadian_Airlines.pdf?sfvrsn=0)

**BC Ferries Discounted Fare** Apply for the Disabled Status Identity Card to receive a discounted fare. Applies to passenger fare only. You may have to have doctor fill out the form. <http://sci-bc-database.ca/wp-content/uploads/BC-Ferries-Disabled-Status-Application-form1.pdf>

## **Recreation**

**Access to Entertainment Card** provides free admission for support persons accompanying a person with a disability at member movie theatres and selected attractions across Canada. The person with the disability pays regular admission. <http://sci-bc-database.ca/wp-content/uploads/Access-2-Entertainment-2013.pdf>

**Special Olympics BC** Includes an Active Start program for toddlers. Organized sports all throughout BC <http://www.specialolympics.bc.ca/what-we-do/sports-programs>

**BC Challenger Baseball** Non-competitive baseball league for people with disabilities in 14 communities in the province. <http://bcchallengerbaseball.com/>

**Easter Seals Camp** Overnight camp for kids and young adults with disabilities. Camp locations in Squamish, Vancouver Island, and the Okanogan  
<http://eastersealscamps.ca/>

**Power To Be** PTB provides adaptive recreation for people with various abilities from age 6 years and up. The Adaptive Recreation Program provides people living with a disability to access activities such as kayaking, indoor rock climbing, and camping.  
[www.powertobe.ca](http://www.powertobe.ca)

**PWS Specific Camp** Camp Wonderland in Missouri, USA has a week set aside for people with PWS. <http://www.wonderlandcamp.org/programs.htm>

### **Vancouver Adaptive Snow Sports (VASS)**

<http://www.vass.ca/>

VASS provides snow sports programs for disabled person's, which take place at Grouse, Seymour and Cypress Mountains. We welcome students of all ages and disabilities and utilize adaptive equipment and specialized teaching techniques to maximize your independence on the snow! To meet the needs of its members, VASS offers programs from beginner - advanced, including snowboarding, sit-ski, stand-up skiing and advanced adaptive ski racing.

**Also check with your local community centres for programs like Adaptive Swimming Lessons and other sports.**

## **Community Resources**

**Richmond Centre for Disability** Many links to resources throughout province, not limited to Richmond <http://www.rcdrichmond.org/HelpfulInfo/HelpfulInfo.php>

**Developmental Disabilities Association** Provides programs and services to people with disabilities in Vancouver and Richmond <http://develop.bc.ca/about-us/developmental-disabilities/>

**BC Aboriginal Network Disability Society** Links to community resources throughout BC Includes some great performing arts organizations  
<http://www.bcands.bc.ca/disability-organizations-in-british-columbia/>

**The Fraser Valley FiT Network** is a Social Educational Network for Families who have Children with Special Needs. At FiT we are bridging the gap between families with special needs children and the high demand on community resources. Our mission is to provide a motivating environment where parents of special needs children can network, educate themselves as well as each other, and also enable special needs families to connect in order to discover and have some fun! <http://fitnetworksociety.com/>