



# Kinsight Connections

Kinsight Family & Friends Newsletter - Fall 2024



Happy holidays from our Kinsight family to yours. 2024 has been a special year – celebrating our 70th anniversary, receiving the largest grant in our history (from the **Lighthouse Fund**), and reconnecting with many of you through this newly launched newsletter for families and friends.

We thank you for your continued support and we wish you joy this holiday season.

## Life and a Place to Call Home: Special session with youth set for Saturday, January 18

In November, Kinsight held an initial **Life and a Place to Call Home** session with parents and caregivers of youth/young adults. The event was designed to hear about what is important to them as they consider opportunities for their children.



On January 18th, we will hear directly from youth and young adults. The feedback received from both sessions will inform a series of 2025 workshops on topics ranging from housing to youth leadership to inclusion, friendship and employment.

Our 2025 series kicks off in February. Mark your calendars for:

- **February 1:** Adulting -- Learning? Inclusion? Friendship? Employment?
- **March 8:** Housing solutions & community dialogue
- **April 5:** Employment -- Thinking about getting a

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job?

Read more about the January 18 session and watch this space for more information about the full series, including plans for future sessions on dating, relationships and online safety.

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## Kinsight receives top accreditation decision

*"The organization is complimented on its innovative and forward-thinking services. The staff members, persons served, families and caregivers consistently commented on the organization's flexibility, adaptability and communication in providing services."*  
~ CARF Surveyor



We are pleased to share the outcome of our 2024 CARF survey: Kinsight has received a "Three-Year Accreditation," the highest decision possible! The surveys are conducted by CARF – an independent and international accreditor of health and human services – and they are an important part of Kinsight's continuous quality improvement program.

Our appreciation to our staff, families, people served and partners who participated in our CARF survey.

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## Kinsight and partners team up to discuss inclusive hiring



Kinsight teamed up with the New Westminster Chamber of Commerce and Inclusion BC to present at a luncheon held at the Tannenbaum Restaurant in late November. A panel of Kinsight leaders spoke about hiring, retention, culture and inclusivity in our local business community. The panel also included insights about mentorship from Alex and Muhammad, who participate in Kinsight's employment program.

Thank you to the New Westminster Chamber of Commerce for co-hosting the event with us. Read more about our Employment Services program.

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## New Westminster space update

In early 2024, Kinsight's New Westminster location was closed unexpectedly due to significant weather-related water damage. Since then, we have worked to provide seamless programs and services from interim locations. Our New Westminster Children's Services team is working from Inclusion BC's offices and we continue to provide supports in family homes and community



settings.

Our Community Inclusion services are temporarily operating from our Salisbury location in Port Coquitlam, as we work to secure a lease agreement in New Westminster. We are grateful for the patience and flexibility of the many families and people we support in New Westminister. If you have questions, please email us at [info@kinsight.org](mailto:info@kinsight.org).



The Springs mural is complete! Created by Coast Salish Artist Atheana Picha, the mural is a beautiful and lasting gift to the Springs neighbourhood and community. The project was initiated by Inlet United Church, and we are proud to have participated as a sponsor.

You are receiving this quarterly newsletter because you/your family has participated in or supported Kinsight in the past.

We respectfully acknowledge that the work of Kinsight is carried out on the Coast Salish ancestral traditional and unceded territories of the kʷikwə́łəm (Kwkwetlem), səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh), xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwxwú7mesh (Squamish), ǫ́iǫ́y̓ (Katzie), qʷa:ń ʕ'əń (Kwantlen), qiqəyt (Qayqayt), and Stó:lō (Sto:lo) Peoples.



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