



Kinsight Connections

Kinsight Family & Friends Newsletter - Spring 2026

Celebrating Community: Where You'll Find Us this Spring & Summer



We are preparing for another busy and exciting events season out in the community. The Kinsight team enjoyed participating in Port Coquitlam's May Days Festival on May 9th and are looking forward to other upcoming events:

- Inclusive Housing Showcase, June 4th (see 'We All Need a Home' article below)
- Queensborough Children's Festival, June 13th
- New to New West Information Fair, June 20th
- Coquitlam Canada Day, July 1st
- Coquitlam Pride Festival, July 4th & New West Pride Street Festival, August 15th
- Port Moody Ribfest, July 17th-19th
- Port Moody Car-Free Day, August 16th
- New Westminster Royal Canadian Legion 100th Anniversary Celebration, August 22nd

We invite you to visit our booth for interactive activities, fun giveaways, and connection with Kinsight staff. We are also pleased to offer a sensory friendly space at Coquitlam Canada Day and Port Moody Ribfest. Kinsight's sensory space supports individuals of all ages to meet their sensory needs in a calm, welcoming environment.

Connected in Purpose Strengthens Early Intervention Practices



April's inaugural *Connected in Purpose*, organized by Kinsight and Inclusion Langley, brought together more than 220 early intervention professionals from across the province, including 19 Infant Development and Supported Child Development consultants from Kinsight.

Attendees took part in three days of learning and heard from child development specialists Dr. Vanessa Lapointe and Dr. Louis Rosetti. The speakers emphasized the importance of family relationships and compassionate listening, shared assessment tools and clinical insights, and guided participants in exchanging ideas with peers from across BC.

Educational development opportunities like *Connected in Purpose* equip Consultants with practical strategies to enhance the support they provide to families and children each day.

"We're grateful for the energy and thoughtful discussions by participants, and we look forward to planning similar events in the future that continue to strengthen how we support parents and children," shared Yvonne Kwok, Kinsight's SCD Manager and Regional SCD Advisor for Vancouver Coastal.

Image: Conference organizers: (left to right) Yvonne Kwok, Regional SCD Advisor for Vancouver Coastal; Yvonne Adebar, Regional SCD Advisor for South Fraser; Krista Moldowan, Regional IDP Advisor for Vancouver Coastal; and Cora Boeker, IDP Coordinator for Inclusion Langley.

Share Your Experience: Help Shape the Future of Child Care in the Tri-Cities

The Tri-Cities Child Care Working Group is inviting parents to complete a Child Care Needs Assessment. The assessment is open to families in Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Anmore, and Belcarra.

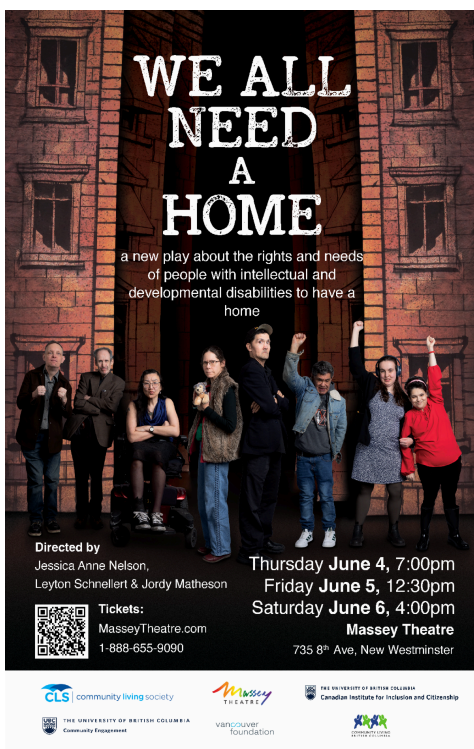
Share your experiences with finding child care, program options, affordability, and hours of care.

Your feedback will help improve child care planning and services in the Tri-Cities.



Child Care Needs Assessment

We All Need a Home Theatre Production Spreads Powerful Message



Community Living Society, Massey Theatre, and the UBC Canadian Institute for Inclusion and Citizenship invite you to ***We All Need a Home***.

Exploring the rights and needs of individuals to have a home, this play is created with and performed by a talented company of artists with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Audience members are invited to participate in a 20-minute "Talk Back" session with the actors following each performance.

When: Thursday, June 4th, 7:00 pm (opening night), June 5th, 12:30 pm & June 6th, 4:00 pm

Where: Massey Theatre, New Westminster

As part of opening night, Kinsight will join a pre-show Inclusive Housing Showcase. The showcase will bring together organizations who are doing meaningful, creative, and groundbreaking work in affordable and inclusive housing.

Tickets

Join us for our 72nd Annual General Meeting

You are invited to Kinsight's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on June 16th at The Springs in Port Moody.

We are grateful to our members for your ongoing support and hope to see you there. We also warmly welcome non-members to join us. Please RSVP by emailing us through the link below.

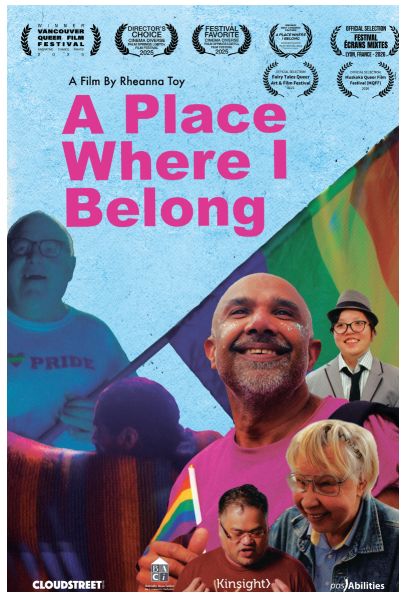


When: Tuesday, June 16th
Registration & Light Meal: 5:45 – 6:30 p.m.
Program & Business Meeting: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Where: 2315 Spring Street, Port Moody

Please note that registration is required. Please RSVP by **June 5th** to admin@kinsight.org or 604-525-9494 ext. 306.

[RSVP](#)

You're Invited to *A Place Where I Belong:* Back on the Big Screen June 18th



You're invited to a free, relaxed screening of the award-winning film, *A Place Where I Belong*. This documentary follows six LGBTQ+ people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities in the **Connecting Queer Communities (CQC)** initiative as they strive for love, freedom, and visibility.

When: Thursday, June 18th

Doors Open: 6:00 pm - Have dinner before you come and then join us for some fun: take a photo, make a button and meet friends.

Screening: 7:00 pm

Discussion Panel: 8:10 pm

Where: Anvil Theatre, 777 Columbia St, New Westminster

Tickets: Click the button below for free tickets

Along with posAbilities and BACI, Kinsight is proud to be a part of the CQC initiative and an Executive Producer of this film directed by Rheanna Toy of Cloudstreet Media.

[Tickets](#)

Empowering Voices: Kinsight Sponsors Inlet United Church Conference

We are proud to be a sponsor of Inlet United Church's **Empowering Voices Conference** on June 27th. This one-day conference is focused on empowering 2SLGBTQI+ voices and building an inclusive community united in love.

When: Saturday, June 27th, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Where: Inlet United Church

Everyone is welcome to join - youth, adults, caregivers, and allies. For more information, click on the button below or email office@inletunited.ca.



[Tickets](#)

Join us for our Summer Family Gatherings

Celebrate the start of summer with Kinsight at one of our June family picnics! These gatherings offer a chance to connect with other families, enjoy a relaxed evening outdoors, and take part in fun, inclusive activities for children and youth.

- Youth & Family Summer Picnic (with SHARE), June 9th, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, for families with children and youth ages 7 - 19 years. [Click here to register.](#)
- New Westminster Children's Centre Family BBQ & Picnic, June 15th, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, for families with children of all ages. [Click here to register.](#)
- Tri-Cities Children's Centre Family BBQ & Picnic (with SHARE), June 22nd, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. For families with children ages 0 - 6. [Click here to register.](#)

Bottles for Bucks: Kinsight to Benefit from Return-It Program

The Return-It logo features the brand name in a blue and yellow stylized font with an arrow pointing right, and the tagline 'It's Worth It.' below it.

**DONATE YOUR EMPTIES FOR
A CAUSE**

Download the [Return-It App](#) to donate your empty beverage containers to us and help us make a difference!

Thank you for your support!

A row of icons representing different types of beverage containers: plastic bottles, glass bottles, cans, and cartons.

Kinsight has registered for the Return-It Express fundraiser program. Our registration means that when people recycle their containers at a Return-It Express, they can choose to have their refund donated to us!

Take your recyclables to any one of the province's Return-It Express locations and select Kinsight as your beneficiary. To participate, download the Return-It app or [sign up online](#) and create an Express account. Simply bag your refundable containers, return them to an Express location, and use your app to select Kinsight, using [this link](#). When the Return-It Express Depot counts your

containers, the refund will be applied to Kinsight's account.

The Return-It fundraiser program is one of the ways our community can support our work in areas such as youth transition supports, summer programming, and planning for inclusive housing.

Instructions

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), *səlilwətał* (Tseil-Waututh), *xʷməθkʷəy̓əm* (Musqueam), *Skwxwú7mesh* (Squamish), *q̓ičəy̓* (Katzie), *qʷa:ń̓ ʕ'əń̓* (Kwantlen), *q̓iqéyt* (Qayqayt), and *Stó:lō* (Sto:lo) Peoples.



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