

# SEPTEMBER 2025



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## THE SCOOPS

Summer has flown by and it's fun to reflect on all the great programs the staff facilitated. Our ever popular Kick Off and End of Summer BBQ's, Annual Houseboat Cruise, Kettle Valley Steam Train, Salmon Arm Waterslides and the Armstrong IPE were just some of the many fun activities we offered.

### REMINDERS:

- The weather is beginning to change, so just a reminder to please dress accordingly. Remember that the mornings may be cooler but the afternoons will warm up, so dress in layers when you can.
- ***Feeling Under the Weather?*** We all know what happens when school starts back.....the dreaded cold and flu bug starts making its rounds. We ask all service recipients to please stay home when they are sick to reduce the spread of illness. If you are showing signs and symptoms such as: fever, cough, runny nose, vomiting,

upset stomach or diarrhea etc. please stay home. If you arrive to supports or programs displaying these symptoms, we will contact your family or Home Share Provider to come pick you up. We want everyone to be healthy and safe.

- **Lost & Found!** We're starting to see a few extra, unlabeled water bottles, hats, and lunch kits floating around the office. If you're missing something, please ask your direct support worker to take a look around for it with you. We want to reunite these items with their rightful owners.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

"And the sun  
took a step  
back, the leaves  
lulled  
themselves to  
sleep and  
autumn was  
awakened"

Raquel Franco

Here are some important upcoming dates:

- [Monday September 1st](#) - **Labor Day** - Access is closed
- [Monday September 8th](#) - **PRC Fall Programs start**
- [Monday September 22nd](#) - **First day of Autumn**
- [Wednesday September 25th](#) - **Home Share Appreciation BBQ @ Access from 5:00-7:30 p.m.**
- [Tuesday September 30th](#) - **National Day for Truth & Reconciliation**- Access is Closed
- [Monday October 13th](#) **Thanksgiving** - Access is Closed
- [Sunday November 2nd](#) - **Daylight Savings time ends.** Clocks go back 1 hour
- [Tuesday November 11th](#) - **Remembrance Day** - Access is Closed
- [Tuesday November 25th](#) - **PRC Winter 2025 Guide** available online
- [Friday December 5th](#) **PRC Winter Program Registration**
- [Thursday December 11th](#) - **Annual Holiday Open House from 11:30- 1:30 p.m.**
- [Wednesday December 24th.](#) - **Access is closed @ 1:00 pm.** for Holiday closure
- [Monday January 5th 2026](#) - **Access re-opens** after Holiday Closure



## UPDATES:

### TSN & MAC PROGRAMS

There will be some exciting changes coming up in both the **TSN** and **MAC Programs**. As previously stated, **Tricia Liebholz** will be stepping away from the **TSN** Program after many, many years and she'll be focussing solely on Home Share moving forward. We want to express our sincere gratitude to Tricia for all the wisdom and organization she brought to the Program. **Isley Overby** will now co-facilitate the **TSN** Program with **Jeremy Edwards**.

As Isley is moving into the **TSN Program**, that left a vacancy in the **MAC Program** which will be filled by **Charmaine Wilson**. Charmaine brings her extensive creativity and passion for "Groups" Programs.

We wish everyone all the best in their roles.

## ANNUAL HOUSEBOAT CRUISE

The annual houseboat Cruise on July 18th was another huge success. The weather was perfect so everyone didn't melt.

A big thank you to **Sonja, Jordan** and **Tricia** for executing the activity and to all our staff who smoothly and seamlessly organized all the transportation to and from the boat to minimize parking and walking long distances.

We've already secured the date and time for next year as they are so welcoming and accommodating to our individuals and staff.

Check out all the great pictures on pages 5, 6, & 7



## STAFFED LIVING RESOURCES

**Raymer Staffed Resource** is scheduled to begin renovations and construction in the next month with a goal of completion, four months from the start date. This renovation is a collaboration between **CLBC** and **BC Housing** and will enable us to increase capacity within the home. We look forward to the completion and finished outcome.

**Caramillo Staffed Resource** has recently completed another beautiful and fully accessible renovation/modification through **BC Housing**. This allows us to welcome another individual in early September and be at full capacity. We're also pleased to announce a "new to us" Van which is much larger and will allow all individuals from the home to access the community and programs. This purchase was made possible with funding from **CLBC**. A shout out to **Kirk @ Penticton Bannister Chevrolet** for his assistance with this purchase.

## THIS & THAT

### HOMESHARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION BBQ

The third Annual Home Share Appreciation BBQ will be held here @ Access on **Thursday, September 25th** from **5-7 p.m.**

The Home Share Team will cooking up some delicious home cooking to show their appreciation to all of our amazing Home Share Providers. For more information, please reach out to your Home Share Coordinator

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS FALL/WINTER REGISTRATION

Special Olympics Fall/Winter Registration is scheduled for: **Saturday, September 6th** from **10 a.m.-1:00 p.m. @ PRC**. For more information, you can email: [kelowna@specialolympics.bc.ca](mailto:kelowna@specialolympics.bc.ca)

### CARF SURVEY

We just received our CARF Summary Report and we're pleased to announce we have received our seventh **3 year Accreditation**. We look forward to implementing their recommendations and suggestions to continually improve our supports and services







