



Reducing Poverty Initiative

Disability assistance through early intervention

NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the latest newsletter from the Reducing Poverty Initiative. We're pleased to share program updates, including expanded service areas, eligibility information, referral resources, and a look at our impact by the numbers. Thank you for being part of our community!

Eligibility Requirements

Wondering whether you qualify for the Reducing Poverty Initiative? Review the eligibility criteria below. Even if you're unsure or don't meet every requirement exactly, we encourage you to reach out. We'd be happy to discuss your situation.

An eligible person:

1. Is between the ages of 18 to 65.
2. Is unable to work for physical or mental health reasons.
3. Is currently employed and has a job to return to.
4. Has been off work for less than one year.
5. Resides in one of the four pilot communities: Prince George, Nanaimo, Kelowna, Vancouver, or surrounding areas (see below).
6. Is legally allowed to work in British Columbia.
7. Is not in receipt of insured benefits, including WorkSafe BC, ICBC, or Short- or Long-Term Disability coverage through your employer.

By the Numbers

A quick look at the impact of the RPI

- **78 participants** are receiving case management support
- **59 participants** returned to work successfully
- **102 partner agencies** are supporting our project

We're Growing!

We are pleased to announce the expansion of our service regions, allowing us to support more individuals across BC.

- Our Vancouver region now extends from Whistler to Abbotsford and Tsawwassen.
- The Nanaimo region has expanded to include communities from Courtenay and Comox through to Duncan.
- Our Kelowna region now serves Penticton, Vernon, Salmon Arm, Lake Country, and Sorrento.
- The Prince George region includes Quesnel, Vanderhoof, McBride, and Burns Lake.

Resources

Scan the QR code for access to resources for employers.



Scan the QR code for access to news and resources for individuals.



Scan the QR code for a video on the Importance of Early Intervention.





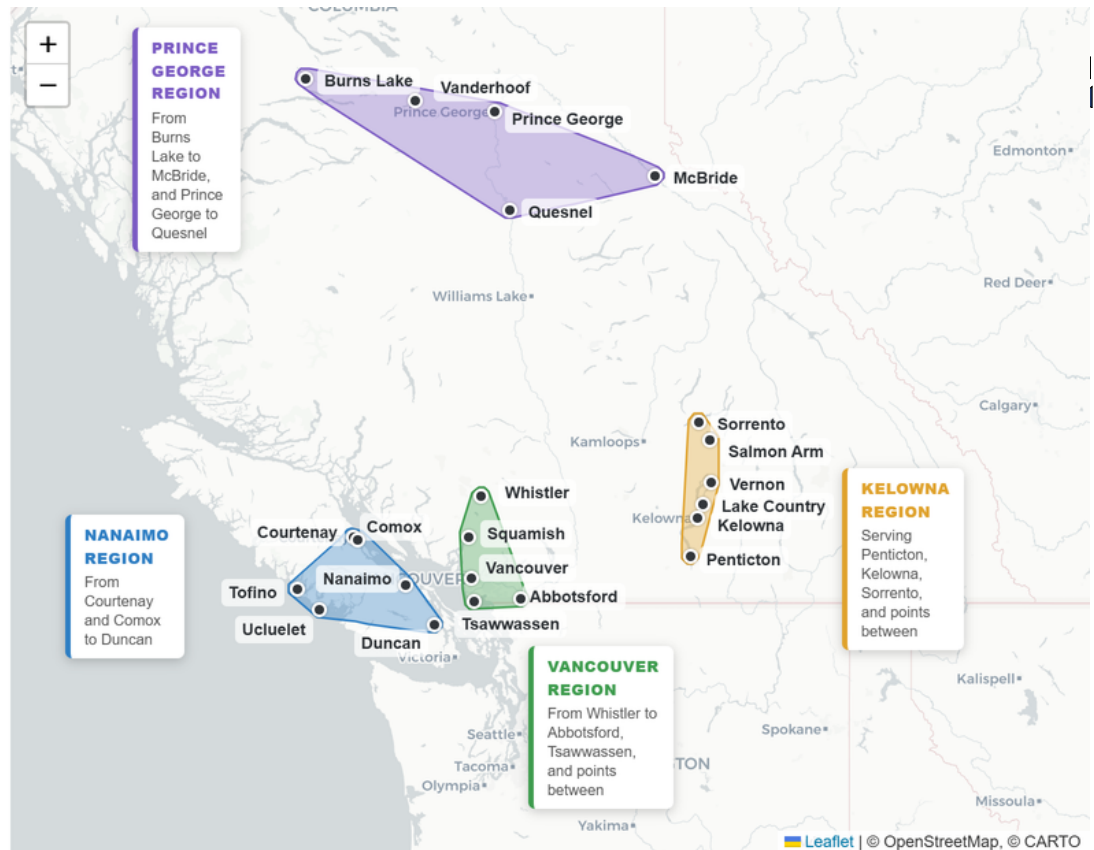
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Expanded Service Regions

We're proud to support more communities across British Columbia.

-  **VANCOUVER REGION**
From Whistler to Abbotsford, Tsawwassen, and points between
-  **NANAIMO REGION**
From Courtenay and Comox to Duncan
-  **KELOWNA REGION**
Serving Penticton, Kelowna, Sorrento, and points between
-  **PRINCE GEORGE REGION**
From Burns Lake to McBride, and Prince George to Quesnel



Your Partner in Recovery and Return to Work

An injury or illness can turn your life upside down, and getting back to work afterward isn't always straightforward. That's where the RPI comes in.

Our team provides individualized support to help you navigate your recovery. Your dedicated case manager will help you figure out the path forward with:

- Return-to-work planning
- Funding for approved supports and services
- Coordination with healthcare providers
- Guidance through recovery and vocational goals

You don't have to figure it out alone. We're here to help.

How are Referrals Made?

There are a few ways that an individual can gain access to the RPI.

Self-Referral: A person can self-refer online or by phone.

Pathways: Practitioners can refer a patient using Pathways.

Online Application: Interested parties may submit an online application on another's behalf.



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