

Application Form - Vancouver International Children's Festival

VICF Volunteer Policies

Thank you for stepping up to join the Children's Festival team! We welcome volunteers of all backgrounds and experiences. We are proud to work with a diverse team. Thank you for considering us.

This application will approximately take 15 minutes. Call or text us at 236-466-1480, or volunteer@childrensfestival.ca if you have questions.

Guidelines

- Volunteers need to be at least 15 years old at the time of their first shift.
- There will be orientation and training on Granville Island before the festival.
- Specialized training for roles such as Hosts, Crew Captains, and Ushers.
 - All training mentioned above will count towards volunteer hours.
- Regular volunteers must do 2 shifts minimum.
- Hosts must do 2-3 shifts minimum.
- Crew Captains must do 4-5 shifts minimum.

Benefits

- Free snacks, treats, and bingo sheets at the Volunteer Centre
- Festival Prize draws for each day of the festival, and Grand Prize draw for volunteers who work over 30 hours
- Standard performance pass - present your badge at a venue before a show. If there's still seats, you get priority to watch for free!
- Wristband to the Activity Village for each day you volunteer. Bring a sibling or a friend!
- Festival t-shirt for volunteers who work over 30 hours, or in specific volunteer roles
- Signed Confirmation for the hours you worked
- School Work Experience forms can be filled out if you have worked 24 hours, or as decided by your school
- Reference Letter for volunteers who work 24 or more hours

Conduct and cancellation policy

Unexplained tardiness, absences, and misconduct will be perceived negatively. Repeated actions may result in:

- Having your shift reassigned
- Losing volunteer benefits
- Further action at the VICF Volunteer Team's discretion

If you cannot make a shift which you have confirmed, call or text us at 236-466-1480, or volunteer@childrensfestival.ca. Please inform us of issues to your being able to fulfill/complete a shift.

Final Tips

- Please ensure that volunteer@childrensfestival.ca emails do not go to spam. We communicate with email and phone/text.
- Please register using an email address and phone number that you check and use regularly.
- We offer support for high school students to request time off from school. Ask us for a letter you can show your teachers!
- Our festival happens during peak tourist season - watch for construction, unstable weather, traffic, sinkholes, and more. We are not able to reimburse transportation.

Further in this application process, we will ask you for personal information. This will help us communicate with you and place you in the most appropriate positions. Your personal information and photo will not be displayed publicly, nor will it be reproduced or distributed.

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MindShift CBT Group

Cognitive Behavioural Therapy Program delivered by
Vancouver Coastal Health



Ages 13-18

Weekly Spring Group:
8 Sessions
Feb. 23-Apr. 20th
(no group Apr. 6)

Mondays from
4pm-6pm



What you'll learn:

- Learn how anxiety works and why people experience it
- Manage anxiety using the free Mindshift CBT app
- Strategies to help reorient thinking, take action, and make lasting positive change

Cell phone & Mindshift App required for group

Call/text to Self-Refer: 604-250-5461

For more information email: Ajay.Sahota@vch.ca

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Coping Skills Group

Willingness is listening very carefully to your Wise Mind,
and then acting from your Wise Mind.

Weekly Group:
Feb. 25 - Apr. 15



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Wednesdays, 4pm-6pm
8 sessions

Learn:
Mindfulness Skills
Emotion Regulation Skills
Distress Tolerance Skills

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風雨同路華語家長互助小組 CHINESE PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP



歡迎6-19歲青少年子女家長參加
學習及交流養育子女的心得

Parents of children aged 6 to 19 are
welcome to join

ZOOM 10:00A.M. - 11:30A.M.

每月第2個及第4個星期三 (2025年9月 - 2026年6月)
普通話 費用全免 (Mandarin Free of Charge)

家庭及青少年輔導部: CAROL SIU | 604-335-2832 | CAROL.SIU@SUCCESS.BC.CA

NEW! Mental health resources for families

Topics:

- Anxiety
- Substance Use
- Navigating Family Transitions
- Eating Disorders
- Grief and Loss
- OCD
- Self-Harm
- Suicide Prevention

Videos and information available for the following languages and cultural groups:

Black

English

Українською

廣東話

العربية

हिन्दी

தமிழ்

Hispano

Filipino

Find resources at: keltymentalhealth.ca/multilanguage

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PSYCHOLOGIST (BC CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL)

DR. JANET MAH

How to Prevent Eating Disorders in Your Child?

如何預防孩子患上
飲食失調症?



Health Bridge

Kelty
Mental
Health
Resource Centre

Coping Skills Group

(Dialectical Behavioural Therapy - Informed)



Groups offered
every season



In-person at
Foundry
Richmond

Willingness is listening very carefully to your Wise Mind, and then acting from your Wise Mind.

This group provides youth with a sampling of coping skills (DBT-informed) to help gain a better understanding of mindfulness, how to better regulate emotions and how to tolerate distress. This is a psychoeducational group, meaning that you will learn and practice skills in the group and talk about how you can apply or have applied these skills in your life. This is a skills-based group for youth who have difficulty regulating emotions. It is not a support group where you are discussing personal issues. This group is open to youth who are experiencing increasing difficulties in terms of skills learning, flexibility (e.g. high-risk, outside-of-treatment behaviors) and frequent substance use is a primary concern, this group/therapist may not be suitable for you. Exceptions can be made if you are working regularly with a primary clinician/therapist who is willing to collaborate with the group facilitator to ensure effectiveness of treatment.

- 8 Sessions (2 months), 2 hours in duration
- Once a week (not on holidays)
- Participants will get a workbook/weekly assignments for their personal growth
- Age eligibility 13-18 years old
- Location: 101-5811 Conroy Rd, Richmond (Richmond Foundry)



- Week 1: Mindfulness - Wise Mind
- Week 2: Mindfulness - WHAT and HOW skills
- Week 3: Emotion Regulation - Model for Describing Emotions
- Week 4: Emotion Regulation - Checking the Facts
- Week 5: Emotion Regulation - Opposite Action
- Week 6: Emotion Regulation - Problem Solving
- Week 7: Distress Tolerance - Pros-Con, STOP
- Week 8: Distracting, Self-Soothe, Improving the Moment, TIPP

由中華總會的「風雨同路華語家長互助小組」將於下週舉行一場線上聚會：

- 日期: 1月 14 日 (週三)
- 時間: 上午 10:00 - 11:30
- 講者: 陳顯庭先生 (Ric Chan) - 註冊社工、輔導員、繪本作家
- 主持: Carol (註冊臨床輔導員 RCC)
- 語言: 廣東話 (配合簡單普通話翻譯)
- 線上報名: <https://forms.office.com/r/TGeqj4ekKk>
- (如您早前已經報名參與此小組, 不用再報名, 您將在聚會前幾天收到 ZOOM 連結)

本次主題: <https://forms.office.com/r/TGeqj4ekKk> (理解青少年心理問題 ADHD (家長參與指南))

孩子不聽話, 坐不住, 作業拖拉, 是「調皮」? 「難伺」? 還是 ADHD?

在加拿大成長的的孩子, 既需要對學習、人際關係的壓力, 也要適應不同文化的期待, 越來越多家長發現孩子出現注意力不集中、衝動行為、組織困難、受 ADHD (注意力不足過動症) 影響的兒童, 也被誤解為「教養問題」。養育 ADHD 孩子的家長, 常感到身心疲累——如何照顧孩子同時, 也供養自己? 這次聚會, 我們將與您一起探索:

1. ADHD 是什麼? 與一般「調皮」有什麼分別?
2. 管教 ADHD 學生的實用策略
3. 作為 ADHD 學生家長, 感覺自己的重要性
4. 現場 Q&A 時間 - 分享您的疑慮與經驗

The upcoming Chinese Parent Support Group session taking place on next Wednesday.

- Date: Wednesday, January 14
- Time: 10:00 - 11:30 AM
- Speaker: Mr. Ric Chan - Registered Social Worker, Counsellor, and Picture Book Author
- Host: Carol, Registered Clinical Counsellor (RCC)
- Language: Cantonese (with partial Mandarin interpretation)
- Online Registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/TGeqj4ekKk>
- (If you have registered for this parent support group before, you do not need to register again. The Zoom link will be sent a few days before the meeting.)

Topic: Children and Youth Mental Health — Understanding ADHD (A Parent's Guide)

Is your child easily distracted, restless, or struggling to complete homework?

Are these signs of being "naughty," "lazy," or could it be ADHD?

Growing up in Canada, children face not only pressures in academics and friendships but also the challenge of adapting to different cultural expectations. More parents are noticing their children showing signs of inattention, impulsivity, and difficulties with organization. Yet, ADHD (Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder) is often misunderstood as a parenting issue. For many parents raising neurodivergent children, daily life can feel exhausting. How can you support your child while also caring for yourself?

In this interactive session, we'll explore:

1. What ADHD is — and how it differs from typical "misbehavior."
2. Practical parenting strategies to support children with ADHD.
3. The importance of self-care and emotional well-being for parents.
4. Live Q&A — share your questions, concerns, and experiences with others.

VOLUNTEER INTERPRETERS NEEDED

The Richmond School District is seeking individuals who are fluent in English and other languages to join our Volunteer Interpreter Team.

Help strengthen communication between schools and families by providing language support during parent teacher conferences. Your involvement helps ensure every family feels welcomed and informed.

Training is provided.
All languages welcome.

To express your interest, please email your CV before January 16, 2026 to:
culturalinterpreters@sd38.bc.ca



BECOME HOMESTAY at the RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Be a host for an international student for a month, semester or year. Richmond International Education (RIE) Homestay Program is looking for local families to offer a welcoming home.

Contact us to find out more about this enriching opportunity.

study@sd38.bc.ca **604-668-6217**



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