



## Family Support Institute

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**Dear Friends,**

We are happy to provide this package to you which outlines the Family Support Institute. The Family Support Institute is a provincial not-for-profit society providing information, support and networking opportunities for families who face the extra-ordinary circumstances that come with raising a family member with a disability. The Family Support Institute is unique in that it is directed by and for families.

**The purpose of the Family Support Institute is to strengthen families faced with the extraordinary circumstances that come with having a family member who has a disability. We believe that families are the best resource available to support one another.**

**Directed by families, the Family Support Institute provides information, training, and province-wide networking to assist families and their communities to build upon and share their strengths.**

The Family Support Institute uniquely assists families through a network of volunteer Resource Parents/Resource Family Members who live throughout the province of British Columbia and act as community liaisons for families. Only a phone call away you will find unconditional acceptance of yourself and your family and the support you need. You will find someone to share laughter and tears with, someone to offer guidance, advice or a listening ear. You will be connected with parents or family members who have walked a similar path.

We welcome you to find out more by calling our office for information, support and assistance in connecting with our network of Resource Parents/Resource Family Members. As a member of the Family Support Institute, you will become part of our family, receiving information and families' stories through our POSSIBILITIES! newsletter.

We encourage you to become a member of our unique family of support! For more information about the Family Support Institute, please visit our website at [www.familysupportbc.com](http://www.familysupportbc.com).

Sincerely yours,

The Board of Directors and Staff of the  
Family Support Institute