All About Microboards

Microboards and Individualized Funding are tools that can assist people with disabilities to take greater control of their lives; living the life they choose. <u>Vela Canada</u> is a not-for-profit based in British Columbia that offers support for these tools.



What is it?

A Microboard is a small (micro) group of committed family and friends (a minimum of five people) who join together with a person with a disability to create a non-profit society (board). Together, they help the person:

- plan their life
- brainstorm ideas
- advocate for what they need
- monitor services and ensure they are safe
- connect to their wider community
- do fun things together





Funding

If you choose to, a Microboard can also access funding and deliver the services that the person needs. Together you can create services that are creative, flexible and reflect the needs of the individual.

Funding may come from a government agency such as the Ministry of Children and Family Development, Community Living BC, the Ministry of Health, a trust or a settlement (i.e. ICBC, WorkSafeBC).

If the Microboard does not want to access funding and deliver the services, the individual may still choose to access Individualized Funding.

There is no charge for the services in British Columbia.





Watch and Learn

The Role of Microboards

<u>Contact Vela</u> to find a mentor who can get you started on the first steps to create a Microboard



