



CENTRE FOR INCLUSION AND CITIZENSHIP



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## **YOUR ORGANIZATION IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN IMPORTANT RESEARCH STUDY ABOUT AGING & INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES**

Dr. Jennifer Baumbusch (UBC School of Nursing), Dr. Rachele Hole (UBC-O School of Social Work), and Dr. Tim Stainton (UBC School of Social Work) are conducting a Vancouver Foundation funded study about the organization of healthcare for aging adults with developmental disabilities in British Columbia.

### ***What This Study Is About....***

For the first time, a large cohort of British Columbians with Intellectual Disabilities are aging in their communities. This study brings together researchers, Community Living organizations, healthcare providers, self-advocates and families, with the aim of understanding the interface between policy and practice related to healthcare for aging adults with Intellectual Disabilities.

### ***Why This Is Important....***

Within British Columbia and beyond, there is growing recognition that the healthcare needs of aging adults with Intellectual Disabilities will not be met by the current health care and social services systems. Findings from this research will generate new knowledge and will lead to recommendations for policy and service renewal in this area.

### ***What We Are Doing....***

The research team is collecting data through policy analysis, focus groups, and key informant interviews. In order to gain urban and rural perspectives, data will be collected in all health regions (**Fraser Health, Interior Health, Northern Health, Vancouver Coastal, and Vancouver Island**).

### ***What We Need From You....***

We are inviting Executive Directors from each of the health regions to be part of the Community Advisory Committee for the study. We would like two EDs per health region to participate. EDs will be asked to attend quarterly meetings (in person or via teleconference) and to assist with the implementation of the study by inviting community living staff and self-advocates in their areas to participate in focus groups.

***We hope that you will join us in this important project.***

***If you would like to participate, please contact Dr. Jennifer Baumbusch at [jennifer.baumbusch@nursing.ubc.ca](mailto:jennifer.baumbusch@nursing.ubc.ca).***

***We look forward to hearing from you!***