

Where Is Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children?

The Health Centre is located at the corner of Slocan Street and 21st Avenue, a few blocks East of the Nanaimo Skytrain and Bus station, and six blocks North of the Renfrew Skytrain.

There are several ways to get to the Health Centre. Call Translink to obtain transit information at 604-953-3333. Or look up the website for routes and schedules. www.translink.ca

About Sunny Hill

Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children is a provincial facility offering specialized services to children with disabilities, their families and communities throughout British Columbia. Using a family-centred approach, Sunny Hill helps promote the healthy development of children and youth by supporting families and community service providers in their efforts. It is also a resource for educational services and information about disabilities. Services are delivered close to home in the child's community, or on site at Sunny Hill, located in Vancouver.

How To Contact Us

If you would like more information about becoming a volunteer, contact:

Volunteer Resources

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How Do I Become A Volunteer?

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer, and is at least 16 years old, is invited to fill out an application form answering questions about his/her volunteer and/or work experience, educational background, skills, hobbies and time available. Volunteers under the age 19 must have the written consent of a parent or guardian prior to commencing service. Applicants will supply two references.

The volunteer will be interviewed individually by the Coordinator of Volunteer Resources. Possible areas of placement, outline of services requirement, skills needed and time involvement will be discussed with the applicant. Every effort is made to arrange a mutually beneficial placement for both the volunteer and the department requesting assistance. Placement is finalized after references have been checked.

All volunteers are required to sign an oath of confidentiality, volunteer agreement and complete a criminal record clearance. An orientation is given by the Coordinator of Volunteer Resources and program staff.

Who Volunteers?

Volunteers at Sunny Hill Health Centre:

- Show a genuine interest to serve
- Possess a combination of training, education and/or experience to be able to contribute to Sunny Hill
- Are in good physical and mental health
- Are able to make a commitment of one year. Short-term option available (summer only)

What Will I Be Doing?

Volunteers are oriented and trained in a wide range of activities. There are many exciting opportunities offered including:

- Adapted Aquatic Therapy
- Auxiliary
- Brain Injury Program
- Communication Development
- Daycare (18 mos. - 3 yrs / 3 - 5 yrs.)
- Garden
- Greeter/Family Place
- Infant and Respite Service Program
- Library (SHERC)
- School
- Special Events
- Spring and Summer Break Programs
- Therapeutic Recreation
 - Arts and Crafts
 - Baking
 - Games
 - Music Therapy
- Thrift Shop

Where?

Volunteers perform their assignments at the Health Centre. There are also opportunities to volunteer on outings. All assignments are supervised.

When?

Volunteers contribute one shift a week, two to three hours in length. There are three volunteer shifts:

- Morning 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
- Afternoon 2:00 - 4:15 p.m.
- Evening 5:45 - 7:45 p.m.

During the week there are afternoon and evening programs. On the weekend there are morning and afternoon programs. There are no programs on statutory holidays.

What Are The Benefits Of Volunteering?

Volunteers augment existing services by enhancing the quality of life for children at Sunny Hill.

Volunteers become educated community members about the needs and abilities of children with disabilities, and have increased awareness and understanding of the services provided at Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children.

Volunteers are an integral part of our centre.

Volunteers gain valuable experience in a health care setting.

Auxiliary To Sunny Hill Health Centre For Children

Mission: The Auxiliary's primary purpose is to add to the comfort, ease and welfare of patients and their families at Sunny Hill Health Centre, to raise funds, and to foster good relations between the Health Centre and the community.

Through fundraising, they are able to offer financial support for existing programs or finance new programs and equipment. All volunteers are encouraged to join the Auxiliary.

