

ACT's Quick Facts 2017

About Autism Spectrum Disorder in BC

- Data from the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) shows that the rate of children with ASD in BC has increased steadily from 1:181 in 2007 to 1:61 in 2016 (measured as a ratio of the number of children and youth receiving support through the Autism Funding Branch to the total population of BC between the ages of 6 to 18).
- MCFD provides autism funding to nearly 13,000 children and youth diagnosed with ASD and their families, compared to only 600 children and youth in total in 2004.
- ASD affects a child's ability to communicate and engage socially. With effective intervention and support at home and at school, the majority will learn to communicate and to engage in the community and employment environments.

About ACT – Autism Community Training

- ACT provides evidence-informed, information and training on ASD to parents and professionals – the most comprehensive community-level autism information service in Canada;
- ACT's information and support work has been funded by MCFD and by individual donors and sponsors; MCFD funding will end as of June 30, 2017 when it will take over direct provision.
- ACT's services support individuals with autism to live productive, satisfying lives within their communities, ensuring that families and professionals, wherever they live in BC, have access to:
 - Trained Information Officers providing individualized, confidential support in English, Chinese and Punjabi;*
 - [Registry of Autism Service Providers](#) for Children under Six – 690 vetted professionals;*
 - [Next Steps Guide](#) in English, Chinese, Punjabi and Korean; *
 - [Autism Community Database](#) – over 1,000 vetted community resources*;
 - [Autism Videos @ ACT \(AVA\)](#) - instant access to ACT's free online video library;
 - [ACT's Autism Manual for B.C.](#) – 13 online chapters – from diagnosis to employment;
 - [Events for B.C.'s Special Needs Community](#) – a free community listings service;
 - [Active Facebook page](#) – over 2,000 followers;
 - [ACT's Monthly News Round-Up](#) reaches over 7,000 individuals and organizations;
 - www.actcommunity.ca - ACT's website which received over 240,000 page views in 2016;
 - [Autism Information Database](#) – over 1,000 vetted information resources.

*These are services that ACT will not maintain after July 1, 2017.

- ACT hosted 8 [live events](#) in 2016, supported through registration fees and sponsorship;
- ACT's live training is supported by sponsors, donors and by registration fees; ACT provided \$27,000 as bursaries in 2016 to low-income participants; in 2017, in a new initiative, MCFD has provided \$150,000 to support bursaries for parents registering for ACT training.
- ACT is a registered charity; charitable tax number is #861691236RR0001.