



"See the World through my eyes and walk a mile in my shoes."

 **COAST MENTAL HEALTH**

At Coast Mental Health, we know that with compassion and courage, recovery from mental illness is possible. Thanks to support from donors and other funding partners, we provide British Columbians with the three essential pillars of sustained recovery:

- \* Housing
- \* Support Services
- \* Employment & Education

For more information on Coast Mental Health, visit [coastmentalhealth.com](http://coastmentalhealth.com) or call 604-872-3502



**MAIN OFFICE**

293 East 11th Avenue, Vancouver, BC

Open weekdays  
8 am - 4 pm

For more information about CMH Trust Program, please call 604-872-3502 or email [trust@coastmentalhealth.com](mailto:trust@coastmentalhealth.com)

[coastmentalhealth.com/pillar-services/#TrustProgram](http://coastmentalhealth.com/pillar-services/#TrustProgram)



**TRUST PROGRAM**

Coast Mental Health's disability trust program helps you protect and manage your financial assets.

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## **DISABILITY TRUSTS**

In simple terms, a trust is where someone (the Trustee) holds money or other assets for someone else (the Beneficiary). A trust may be created by family members concerned about a loved-one's well-being, or by someone looking for help in protecting their own money.

British Columbians receiving "person with disability" (PWD) benefits have a restriction on the amount of assets they can hold.

However, money placed in a disability trust is considered an exempt asset in the eyes of the provincial government. As a result, persons with disability trusts are able to benefit from a lump-sum payment (such as an inheritance) and improve their quality of life without losing their PWD benefits.

## **OUR TRUST PROGRAM**

Coast Mental Health (CMH) is authorized under provincial regulation to administer trust funds of up to \$1,000,000 within British Columbia. The trust program has been operating since 1998 and has approximately 300 trust clients and \$20 million under management.

Funds placed in our trust program can be used for disability-related purposes, including anything that promotes the independence of the beneficiary.

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*"The CMH Trust Program made it possible for me to have a more fulfilled life. And when I have questions about my finances, the responses are quick and clear!"*

*- Cleo, Trust Client*

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## **ELIGIBILITY & SAFEGUARDS**

The disability trust program at CMH is generally for people living with a mental illness. However, CMH makes exceptions in certain situations for individuals with other disabilities.

While most of our trust clients receive PWD benefits, it is not a requirement for participation in the trust program, as some clients receive a federal pension or private insurance benefits.

All income and expenses of the trust are separately accounted for and account statements are provided annually.