



**FOCUS DISABILITY NETWORK
SOCIETY**

Learning & Networking Meeting

Date & Time: Tuesday April 18, 2023
9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Zoom – email info@focusdisability.ca for the link

- 9:00 – 9:20** **Introductions, update** on what’s happening in the community and with partnering agencies.
- 9:20 – 9:35** **Heather Branscombe** from [Abilities Neurological Rehabilitation](#) will present about their programs, which are in Chilliwack, Abbotsford, Surrey, Coquitlam and Langley.
- 9:35 – 10:00** **Bill Thornton** from [BC & Alberta Guide Dogs](#) will engage with us about their services with Guide Dogs, Autism Service Dogs, and OSI-PTSD Service Dogs.
- 10:00 – 10:15** **BREAK**
- 10:15 – 10:45** **Chris Gaudet** from **Nava Wealth of Raymond James Ltd.** will talk with us about Registered Disability Savings Plans.
- 10:45 – 11:30** **Brenda Giesbrecht, Service Canada**, will provide information about Canada Pension Plan (CPP) Disability Benefits, the CPP Survivor’s Benefit, Drop-Out Provisions for calculations of benefits, the Disability Tax Credit, Childrens’ Benefits, and more.

2023 MEETINGS

June 13 – Learning & Networking Meeting, on Zoom

September – 12 Learning & Networking Meeting and Annual General Meeting on Zoom

November 9 – Annual Conference, in-person at Church in the Valley in Aldergrove