



**Pediatric Therapy Recruitment and Retention Initiative –  
Sponsored by Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD)  
Professional Development Funding Application**  
For the BC Physio Forum on March 3 and 4, 2018, Vancouver, BC

### **INITIATIVE OVERVIEW**

One-time only funding has been allocated for the development and implementation of a targeted pediatric therapy recruitment strategy to address recruitment and retention challenges facing the occupational therapy (OT), physiotherapy (PT) and speech-language pathology (SLP) professions. The B.C. Government's Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) posted a Request for Proposals and The Physiotherapy Association of British Columbia (PABC) was the successful proponent. The implementation phase is from October 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018. The strategy will focus on recruiting and retaining pediatric therapists in MCFD-funded agencies and, more specifically, in hard-to-recruit communities, rural and remote communities, and Indigenous communities. The intent is to reduce the number of MCFD-funded vacant therapy positions, and to support the therapists who are already working in those Early Intervention Therapy and School-Aged Therapy programs.

### **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

This application invites Physiotherapists to apply for funding to attend the BC Physio Forum Annual Conference on March 3, 2018 and the post-conference course on March 4 entitled *Reflexes, Reactions and Beyond: A Dynamic Systems Primer on Postural Control* with Shelley Mannell in Vancouver, B.C. The following expenses will be covered by this funding: course/event registration fees, airfare, ferry fare, travel to/from airport, and accommodation during the event.

### **FUNDING CRITERIA**

To receive this funding, therapists must:

- Be employed by an MCFD-Funded Agency as a permanent part-time or full-time employee
- Provide a completed application form

If there are more than three applicants, priority will be given to:

- Those practicing in rural/remote communities
- Those practicing in indigenous communities

All efforts will be made to distribute funding evenly across the province.

### **FORM OF FUNDING**

Reimbursement of expenses will be provided immediately following the course/event upon submission of your registration, travel and accommodation receipts to the PABC office; in exceptional cases, funds may be disbursed before the event.

Please fill out the form on the following page and return to the address noted below by **January 12, 2018**. You will be notified of acceptance/rejection of your application by **January 19, 2018**.

### **Mail or e-mail applications to:**

Physiotherapy Association of BC

Phone: 604-736-5130 x 2; Email: [events@bcphysio.org](mailto:events@bcphysio.org)

#402 – 1755 West Broadway

Vancouver, BC V6J 4S5



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**Application form for BC Physio Forum Funding**

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agency where you work:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agency address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Costs (for budgeting purposes, exact expenses will be reimbursed upon submission of receipts; mileage will be reimbursed at \$0.54/km):

ITEM	ESTIMATED COST
Airfare/Ferry Fare	
Travel to/from airport/ferry terminal, Parking	
Accommodation	
Event Registration Fee	
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUESTED (estimate)</b>	

What are your interests in attending the BC Physio Forum 2018 and how will it help you in your current job?

Why are you requesting funding?



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Do you work in Early Intervention Therapy, School Aged Therapy, or both? \_\_\_\_\_

Is your Agency contracted to provide services through Ministry of Children and Family Development? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you work in an indigenous community or with a high percentage of indigenous children? \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to bring learnings back to the community and do a professional development session with co-workers.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Therapist Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Therapist's Signature

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

To confirm your employment as a physiotherapist at the above noted MCFD Agency, please have your supervisor sign below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor Signature