



Quality of Life
CHALLENGE

CLOTHING RESOURCE GUIDE

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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

People who live on low incomes often do not have enough money for **appropriate work clothing** after paying for other basic needs such as rent, utilities, transportation and food. However, clothing for job search and on the job employment is necessary to secure and maintain sustainable work. As well, work boots and safety equipment are often mandatory to secure a job in the trades.

The **Quality of Life CHALLENGE** is a bold new way for all sectors of BC's Capital Region to work together to find solutions to critical concerns and to create a sustainably vibrant community.

The three priority areas of the CHALLENGE are Housing, Community Connections and Sustainable Incomes. The sustainable incomes target is:

by 2006, 5000 low income unemployed or underemployed people now have sustainable incomes from paid work.

The *Poverty Matrix* – a community led research project in BC's Capital Region – identified that lack of appropriate clothing as a barrier to finding and maintaining work for people who live on low incomes. This is particularly a barrier for men, as there are fewer clothing services available for men than women. In response to these findings, a Clothing Taskforce was struck and developed this **Clothing Resource Guide** for Employment Services Agencies to help their clients access clothing.

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For more information about the CHALLENGE, or to get involved, go to www.qolchallenge.ca.

Quality of Life CHALLENGE Leadership Partners:



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Bringing people together
to create solutions in the areas of homes,
paid work and community connections
in BC's Capital Region.

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Blanshard Community Association

901 Kings Road, Victoria V8T 1W5
Tel: 250-388-7696 Fax: 250-388-7607

Type of Service: Clothing cupboard, open to the general public, offering women's and children's clothing.
Open: 9am-4pm Mon-Fri
Clean donations can be dropped off at site.

Fairfield Community Place

1330 Fairfield Road, Victoria V8S 5J1
Tel: 250-382-4604 Fax: 250-382-4613
Email: place@fairfieldcommunity.ca

Type of Service: Clothing exchange, open to the general public, offering women's and children's clothing.
Open: 9am-5pm Mon-Fri
Clean donations can be dropped off at site.

Grace Lutheran Church

1273 Fort Street, Victoria V8V 3I4
Tel: 250-383-5256 Fax: 250-383-9821

Type of Service: Clothing cupboard, open to the general public, limited clothing depending on donations.
Open: 9am-3pm Tues-Thurs
Clothing drives determined by need.

Military Family Resource Centre

198 College Road (Belmont Park), Colwood
Tel: 250-383-2640 Fax: 250-363-5343
Email: mfrccc@pacificcoast.net

Type of Service: Clothing cupboard based on need for military families.
Open: 10am-2pm Thurs

Mustard Seed Street Church

625 Queens Street, Victoria V8T 1L9
Tel: 250-953-1575 Fax: 250-385-0430
Email: mustards@islandnet.com

Type of Service: Clothing cupboard, open to the general public, offering clothing for women, children and men, including work clothes and boots, depending on donations.
Open: 8am-4pm Mon-Fri
Clean donations can be dropped off at site.

Open Door

935 Pandora Avenue, Victoria V8V 3P4
Tel: 250-385-2454 Fax: 250-385-2175
Email: open.door@shaw.ca

Type of Service: Clothing cupboard, open to the general public offering women's, children's and men's clothing, including some work clothing.
Open: 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm Mon-Fri
Clean donations can be dropped off at site or at any United Church drop box.

Saanich Neighbourhood Place

PEARKE'S Recreation Centre
3110 Tillicum Road, Victoria
Tel: 250-360-1148 Fax: 250-381-2433
Email: sn-place@telus.net

Type of Service: Clothing exchange, open to the general public, offering men's, women's and children's (age 0-12yrs) clothing, depending on donations. Also accepts baby equipment.
Open: 9am-3pm Mon-Thurs

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Single Parent Resource Centre

602 Gorge E. Street, Victoria V8T 2W6

Tel: 250-385-1114

Fax: 250-361-3554

Email: info@singleparentvictoria.ca

Type of Service: Clothing exchange, open to general public, preference to single parent families, offering some men's and women's clothing.

Open: 9am-4pm Mon-Fri

Sooke Family Resource Society Neighbourhood House

#105 – 2145 Townsend Road South,
Victoria V0S 1N0

Resource Room

Tel: 250-642-5152

Fax 250-642-7663

Email: hholmes@sookefamilyresource.ca

Type of Service: clothing exchange offering women's and men's clothing depending on donations.

Open: 9am-2pm Mon, Wed, Fri

Call first to receive donation instructions.

Sooke Works Employment Centre

Unit C 6625 Sooke Road, Victoria V0S 1N0

Tel: 250-642-3685

Email: info@sookeworks.bc.ca

Type of Service: For Centre clients only, upon individual needs and request.

Victoria Native Friendship Centre

610 Johnson Street, Victoria V8W 1M4

Tel: 250-384-3211

Fax: 250-384-1586

Type of Service: Open to Aboriginal and Metis community, offering clothing for women, children, and men, including work clothes, depending on donations.

Open: 8:30-4:30 Mon-Fri

Clean donations can be dropped off at site.

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THRIFT STORES

Community Closet Thrift Store James Bay Community Project

435 Simcoe Street, Victoria V8V 4T4
Tel: 250-388-7844 Fax: 250-388-7856
Email: askus@jbcp.bc.ca

Type of Service: Clothing for women, children and men, including work clothes and boots, safety equipment and tools depending on donations.

Open: 10am-4:30pm Mon-Sat

Clean donations can be dropped off at site.

Esquimalt Neighbourhood Thrift Store

614 Grenville Road, Victoria, V9A 6I2
Tel: 250-385-5895 Fax: 250-384-2078
Email: ggold@enh.bc.ca

Type of Service: Clothing for women, children and men, including work clothes and boots, safety equipment and tools depending on donations.

Open: 9am-5pm Tues-Sat and 11am-4pm Sun

Clean donations can be dropped off at site.

Goldstream Neighbourhood House Westshore Community Resources

100B 2244 Sooke Road, Victoria V9B 1X1
Tel: 250-478-1122 Fax: 250-478-9199
Email: wsvolunteers@lycos.com

Type of Service: Clothing for women, children and men, including work clothes and boots, safety equipment and tools depending on donations. Special vouchers based on individual need available through application with GNH.

Open: 10am-4pm Tues-Sat

Clean donations can be dropped off at site.

Peninsula Community Services

Office: 9860 Third St, Sidney V81 4R2
Tel: 250-656-0134 Fax: 250-655-4357
Email: pccs@peninsulaservices.com

Sidney

9775 3rd Street
Tel: 250-656-3511
Open: 9am-4pm Mon-Sat and 10am-4pm Sun

Community Works! Thrift Store
Suite 110, 2506 Beacon Avenue
Tel: 250-654-0445

Open: 9am-5pm Mon-Sat and 12pm-4 Sun

Brentwood Bay

7105B West Saanich Road, Brentwood Bay V8M 1P7
Tel: 250-652-0432
Open: 9:30am-5pm Mon-Sat and 11am-4pm Sun

Type of Service: Clothing for women, children and men, including work boots, depending on donations.

Individuals in need can apply for a voucher at the PSC office on 3rd Street (not generally advertised).

Clean donations can be dropped at the sites.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Office: 831 Yates Street, Victoria V8W 1M1
Tel: 250-382-3213

Langford

2784 Claude Road
Tel: 250-478-0282
Open: 9am-5pm Mon-Sat

Sidney

9788 B 2nd Street
Tel: 250-655-3188
Open: 9am-5pm Mon-Sat

Sooke

6750 West Coast Road
Tel: 250-642-7846
Open: 9am-5pm Mon-Sat

Type of Service: Clothing for women, children and men, including work clothes and boots, safety equipment and tools depending on donations.

Clean donations can be dropped at sites, or truck pick-up at 727-0808.

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Salvation Army

Brentwood Bay

7177 W. Saanich Road
Tel: 250-652-4622
Open: 9am-5:30pm Mon-Saturday

Burnside

50 Burnside Road West
Tel: 250-388-9411
Open: 9am-5:30pm Mon-Sat
9am-9pm Fri

Langford

777 Goldstream Road
Tel: 250-478-6933
Open: 9am-5:30pm Mon-Sat

Mill Bay

855 Shawnigan Lake Road
Tel: 250-743-2123
Open: 9am-5:30pm Mon-Sat

Saanich

3948 Quadra Street
Tel: 250-727-3853
Open: 9am-5:30pm Mon-Sat

Sidney

9775 2nd Street
Tel: 250-656-1732
Open: 9am-5:30pm Mon-Sat

Sooke

#3-6686 Sooke Road
Tel: 250-642-3612
Open: 9am-5:30pm Mon-Sat

Victoria

525 Johnson Street
Tel: 250-384-3755
Open: 9am-5pm Mon-Sat
9am-8pm Fri

Type of Service: Clothing for women, children and men, including work clothes and boots, safety equipment and tools depending on donations. Agencies may arrange for purchase of vouchers for their clients. Clean donations can be dropped at sites, or truck pick-up at 250-727- 2293.

James Bay Thrift Shop

United Church

517 Michigan Street, Victoria V8V 1S1
Tel: 250-384-5820

Type of Service: Clothing for women, children and men, including work clothes and boots, depending on donations.

Open: 10am-2pm Fri
Call first to receive donation instructions.

WIN Thrift Stores

Victoria Women in Need Society

Office: 812 Cormorant St., Victoria V8W 1R1
Tel: 250-480-4006

Victoria

1803 Cook Street
Tel: 250-389-2203
Open: 10am-5pm Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat
10am-9pm Thurs and 12pm-4 Sun

#4 – 3475 Quadra Street

Tel: 250-480-1802
Open: 9am-5pm Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat
10am-9pm Thurs and 12pm-4pm Sun

785 Pandora Avenue

Tel: 250-361-9303
Open: 10am-5pm Mon-Sat

Type of Service: Clothing for women, children and men, depending on donations. Agencies may arrange for purchase of vouchers for their clients.

Clean donations can be dropped off at sites or call for pick-up.

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SPECIAL CLOTHING SERVICES

Burnside Gorge Community Association

484 Cecilia Road, Victoria V8T 4T5
Tel: 250-388-5251 Fax: 250-388-5269

Type of Service: Voucher system with several clothing outlets. Agencies may apply to BGCS to partner with them in providing vouchers for clients. For further information call BGCA.

Metchosin Community Services

4430 Happy Valley Road, Victoria V9C 3Z3
Tel: 250-478-5155 Fax: 250-478-5118

Type of Service: Annual Garage Sale in May, on Mother's Day. Clean donations may be dropped off at site in May between 9am-12pm Mon-Fri.

Riviera Barber Stylists

641 Johnson Street V8W 1M7
Tel: 250-385-3931

Type of Service: Inexpensive hair cuts for men. By referral only. Agencies may arrange for purchase of vouchers for their clients. Call Greg for information.

Shirley Lang, Hair Stylist

Tel: 250-708-0377

Type of Service: Hair design for women and men. By referral only. Agencies may arrange for purchase of vouchers for their clients. Call Shirley for information.

Wear 2 Start

#216-733 Johnson Street, Victoria V8W 3C7
Tel: 250-472-9327

Type of Service: A service for women that includes interview clothing, hair styling and make-up instruction. By referral only. Agencies may arrange for purchase of vouchers for their clients. Call Kathleen for information.
