

Nidus *Personal Planning Resource Centre and Registry*

Welcome!

You are receiving this newsletter because you requested to be on our mailing list, you registered with the Nidus Registry or you are a Nidus member, volunteer or community partner. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed of upcoming events, Registry news, tips on personal planning and progress of our projects. You can view previous editions of the Nidus Newsletter [here](#).

If you have any questions or want more information on Representation Agreements, Enduring Powers of Attorney and Living Wills/Advance Directives, please visit www.nidus.ca, call 604-408-7414 or come out to a free presentation!

Enjoy,
The Nidus Team

New Residential Care Regulation

On October 1, 2009, a new Regulation came into effect for the *Community Care and Assisted Living Act*. The Residential Care Regulation replaces the old Adult Care Regulation and affects residential care services related to hospice/palliative care, long-term care, community living, acquired brain injury, mental health and substance abuse. Although Nidus was not

Upcoming Presentations:

VANCOUVER

Thursday, October 29th
2pm to 3pm
3455 Kaslo Street

Are you supporting an adult with a developmental disability? Learn how Representation Agreements help ensure adults with developmental disabilities get support and help from those they trust.

Come to this free presentation by Nidus, hosted by the [Developmental Disabilities Association](#).

SOUTH OKANAGAN

Wednesday, October 21st
1pm to 2:30pm
2009 Seniors Symposium
Penticton Trade and Convention Centre
Room #1

Who will help you handle your affairs if you have an illness, accident or disability? Learn about your options for personal planning in the event you need help with managing your finances or making medical and personal care decisions. Come to a free

consulted in the preparation of the new Regulation, issues we highlighted in other submissions were incorporated.

In a joint press release, the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport and the Ministry of Health Services state that the primary focus of the new Residential Care Regulation is “protecting the health and safety of persons in care. New protection under the Regulation includes fall prevention measures, assessment for risk of wandering, banning of smoking by staff on the premises of care facilities, and strengthening health precautions on communicable disease.”

In addition to these changes, the new Regulation spells out who must be listed as a contact person for the adult in care and clarifies their legal authority. As Nidus highlighted in Charting the Course Ahead, the old Regulation used eight different terms to refer to people involved in the life of an adult in care.

Nidus is pleased to see that our recommendations to clarify the terminology and include Representation Agreements were addressed. The new Regulation will ensure the legal authority of a representative is recognized, which will help protect the health, safety and wishes of an adult living in care and ensure the adult’s voice is heard.

Nidus advises that if you are

presentation!

Nidus’ participation in the 2009 Seniors Symposium is thanks to the [South Okanagan Seniors Wellness Society](#) and our project funders.

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Nidus wants to take your photo!

This fall, Nidus is developing a new brochure to help promote Representation Agreements and we want to include photos of real people - like you!

We are looking for volunteers willing to have their picture taken by a professional photographer.

This is your chance to spend a fun afternoon in front of the camera and enjoy some refreshments with the Nidus staff.

Please email info@nidus.ca or call 604.408.7414 if you are willing to help.

A special thanks to...



...for funding our Summer Student program.

supporting an adult in care that you provide the facility with a copy of the Representation Agreement.

You can read BC Acts (Statutes) and Regulations at www.bclaws.ca

Nidus Needs Your Support!

Are you a *Vancity Enviro Visa* holder? Did you know that you can donate your *My Rewards Points* to Nidus? Have you ever participated in a workplace donation program, such as provided by the United Way? You can designate your contribution to Nidus. You will need to provide our legal name and charity number, listed below. Check if your workplace matches employee donations.

You can also donate directly to Nidus. Make your donation by cash, cheque, money order or credit card.

Your contribution of any amount will help ensure Nidus is here for you and your representatives in the future and to help others who need to know. Nidus does not receive any ongoing funding to pay for operating costs such as phone, rent, printing and core staff to provide personalized service.

Nidus receives some funds through grants; however these funds are tied to specific projects and are time limited. Our current projects will end in

Service Canada Summer Student Profile – Audrey Jun

Thanks to the Canada Summer Jobs grant, funded by Service Canada, Nidus has been able to give students, over the past several years, the opportunity to gain valuable job skills and knowledge. It has also allowed students to contribute to their community and get a taste of the non-profit sector. This is a fantastic program that enables small businesses, public-sector employers, or non-profits, like Nidus, to create jobs for students that satisfy the needs of the organization as well as provide the student with work experience.

This past summer, Nidus welcomed Vancouver resident and second-year University of Alberta law student Audrey Jun. As our Communications and Administrative Assistant, Audrey handled intake, performed statistical data analyses and conducted cross-Canada research on provincial personal planning tools, among many other things. Audrey's hard work and eye for detail will impact Nidus long after she has left. In Audrey's own words: "I gained so much by working with Nidus; the experience educated me on the various ways that I can assist the public as a prospective lawyer."

We would like thank Audrey for

early 2010. We need your help now to secure our future.

Nidus is a registered charity and any donation you make of \$10 or more will receive a tax receipt.

Please help Nidus continue to help you!

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Nidus is a Latin term for nest: a symbol of safety, support and self-development.

Nidus is a non-profit, charitable organization.

- Nidus provides education and assistance with Representation Agreements, Enduring Powers of Attorney, Living Wills/Advance Directives.
- Nidus also operates a centralized Registry service in partnership with the Law Society of BC, Juricert Program.

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her hard work and dedication and wish her well in her studies! Nidus would also like to acknowledge the generous support of Service Canada, without them our summer student program would not be possible.



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