

## Keeping Up-to-Date

Welcome to the July edition of the Nidus Newsletter.

Keeping up-to-date is an ongoing challenge in the 'information age.' This issue is about how to make changes to an existing Representation Agreement, how to update your Registry record and ways Nidus and others are preparing for upcoming changes to the law. Who says things slow down in the summer? Not the Nidus Team. Stay tuned — there is more to come!

## Making Changes to Your Representation Agreement

Most of us will make more than one Representation Agreement in our lifetime — and we should plan on it!

Circumstances change, relationships change, needs change. Any of these issues may require us to change who we appoint in our Representation Agreement and what role or authorities we assign to them.

In response to numerous inquiries about how to make changes, Nidus has produced a new information sheet called *Making Changes to a Representation Agreement*. It covers how to add or remove someone from an Agreement, as well as how to change contact information in the Nidus Registry for yourself or someone you have appointed.

Many thanks to **Community Living B.C.** for a grant to provide this education to individuals and families.

Click to read and print your copy of [Making Changes to a Representation Agreement](#).




## Role of the Nidus Registry


The [Nidus Registry](#) keeps a record of planning documents you have already made.


Gord is making a Representation Agreement with legal forms provided by the Nidus Resource Centre Self-Help Course — see [Making RA7](#). After completing the signing and witnessing of the Representation Agreement, Gord and his representative will register a copy with the Nidus Registry. Gord's representative will keep the original of the Agreement because it is proof of authority.

If Gord or his representative moves or changes a phone number, they can update that information in Gord's Registry record.

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## Registry Tip

Is your Representation Agreement registered? Is the contact information for your representative up-to-date?

The following fact sheets provide step-by-step instructions for registering an existing Enduring Power of Attorney, Representation Agreement and Notice of Revocations for these documents.

Click to download:

[How to Set Up a Record and Register a Document](#)

[How to Update a Record](#)

[How to Register Additional Documents](#)

[How to Search for a Record](#)



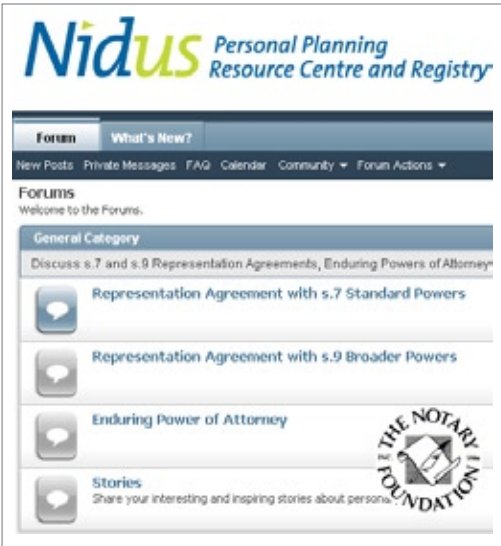
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For the last year Nidus has been using Twitter to keep you up-to-date on Nidus and related news.

Now, with the intention of having these updates be more accessible, we have started a Nidus facebook page that will share the same details (and more) as our Twitter account. To find our Facebook page, click on the link at the top of this page.

Be sure to 'like' us in order to receive timely updates.

## Online Forum Helps Trainees Prepare for Upcoming Changes to the Law



Nidus is launching an online forum for those who have completed the Nidus RA7 Facilitator Training Program. This forum will allow trainees to stay current about changes to the law and also share ideas and tips for raising awareness about personal planning in their communities.

This forum will also be available to trained seniors volunteers who participated in previous Nidus projects.

As well, the forum is open to volunteers of the Council of Senior Citizens Organization

(COSCO) who will be offering workshops on Representation Agreements and Enduring Powers of Attorney in the fall.

Nidus thanks the [Notary Foundation of B.C.](#) for the grant to develop this online forum.

## Legal Practitioners Get Informed about Changes to the Law

On June 22, 2011, the Continuing Legal Education Society of B.C. held a course, targeted to lawyers, on the amendments to personal planning legislation. The Society of Notaries Public of B.C. will also be educating its members prior to the changes coming into effect on September 1st. Education for the public is also critical if British Columbians are to benefit from these opportunities to stay in charge of their lives. Nidus will be providing information and resources on the amendments to the public on our website, and we'll let you know about them in future newsletters.

## Representation Agreements added to CSIL Policy

As of April 1, 2011 having a representative, who is named in your Representation Agreement, is a new option in the eligibility criteria for the Choice in Supports for Independent Living (CSIL) Program.

**CSIL** is a self-managed model of care where eligible individuals with disabilities and high intensity care needs are funded directly to hire workers to provide home support services. If an individual is not able to act as the employer and manage other program requirements, he or she may make a Representation Agreement to give a representative this legal authority.

Nidus has already received inquiries from potential CSIL clients and at least one Health Authority for information on Representation Agreements. Most clients will need customized Representation Agreements and Nidus will do its best to respond within our current funding limitations.

The CSIL Policy is published by the B.C. Ministry of Health Home and Community Care and is administered by the Health Authorities.



## Frequently Asked Question...

*How do I make changes to my Enduring Power of Attorney?*

Currently, the Power of Attorney Act does not list requirements for making changes to an Enduring Power of Attorney.

Amendments to the Power of Attorney Act, which come into effect on September 1, 2011, will include procedures for changing and revoking an Enduring Power of Attorney. They will also outline how someone appointed as an attorney may resign.

Nidus will produce a fact sheet, similar to the one for Representation Agreements (see article on page one of this newsletter). In the meantime, you can find information on how to revoke (cancel) an Enduring Power of Attorney at the Nidus website — [Revoking an Enduring Power of Attorney](#).

## Nidus Self-Help Course is available online

Nidus's online Course for Making a Representation Agreement with Section 7 Standard Powers is accessible throughout the province.

This Course will be of interest to anyone who is helping a spouse, relative or friend, with his or her affairs, and who is finding that informal support is not enough.

A Representation Agreement 'formalizes' informal support. It gives personal supporters legal authority to help the adult with his or her financial, legal, health and/or personal care matters.

If you are supporting an adult who needs help TODAY, learn more about [Making an RA7](#).

# Thank you!



Thanks to a grant from CLBC, Nidus has published two new educational resources for adults and their supporters.

- [Making Changes to a Representation Agreement](#)
- [Resigning as a Representative or Alternate Named in a Representation Agreement](#)

The CLBC grant also supported the training of nine staff of various community living agencies, who were trained in best practices for helping individuals and families to make Representation Agreements.

The grant will also allow Nidus to provide continuing education to trainees about upcoming amendments.



Nidus welcomes UBC law student, Molly Shames, as our summer student, thanks to a grant from [Service Canada](#) and the Canada Summer Jobs Program.



## Do you have a story to share?

**We'd love to hear from you!**  
**Write to us or send photos to**  
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- Nidus is a non-profit, charitable organization.
- Nidus is a Latin term for nest: a symbol of safety, support and self-development.

### Wills Workshop at 411 Seniors' Centre

Attend a free workshop to learn the basics of making a Will.

Wednesday, July 20  
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm  
411 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver  
3rd floor, West Wing

Please register at the [411 Seniors Centre Program Ticket Desk](#), Monday to Friday between 10 am and 2 pm or phone 684-8171 Ext. 237 or email [stinaburri@411seniors.bc.ca](mailto:stinaburri@411seniors.bc.ca)

This workshop is provided by lawyers of Dominion Law Group.

### New Topic – COSCO Health Promotion Workshops

The Council of Senior Citizen's Organizations of B.C. has added *Getting to Know Your Bladder* to its list of health and safety promotion workshops that are available to seniors groups.

For the full list of workshops available and details on booking, please visit the [COSCO website](#).

### Personal Planning:

#### [Pur-suh-nl plan-ing]

*verb* – the act of making one or more legal documents that authorize your personal supporters to help you manage your affairs or make decisions on your behalf if you need assistance due to illness, injury or disability:

*Carla is gathering information about personal planning because she is aging and concerned about maintaining her independence.*

Personal planning is different from estate planning in that personal planning is about making arrangements for while you are alive, whereas estate planning is about making arrangements for when you die.