

## Stay in Charge of Your Life!

'Supporting Seniors' Independence through Personal Planning' is a new Nidus project funded by the United Way of the Lower Mainland. This three-year project will focus on seniors who are vulnerable due to various social, educational and economic factors, and will help them use personal planning tools to maintain and enhance their independence and express their self-determination. We will target four main geographical areas: Vancouver, Burnaby, New Westminster and Richmond. Nidus is currently hiring a coordinator for the project; please see the job posting on the right sidebar.



## You're Invited...

To kick-off our United Way Project, Nidus is holding a presentation called *Stay in Charge of Your Life!*

### If you are ill or injured, and you need assistance...

- Who is going to pay your bills?
- Who will give or refuse consent for your medical treatment?
- Who do you want to make living arrangements for you?

Personal planning lets you authorize the people you trust to carry out your wishes when you need help.

### Presentation details

Friday, July 6, 2012  
1:00 to 3:00 pm  
South Granville Seniors Centre,  
1420 W 12th Avenue, Vancouver BC.

This presentation is free and there is no pre-registration. [Download a poster](#) to help promote this event.

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## Registry Tip

Nidus is busy preparing the Personal Planning Registry to go online for self-service. We are still finalizing the look of the new Registry website and getting input from potential users.

We were very fortunate to meet with professionals who work in the health system and with physicians. Their ideas focused on ways to provide easier access for emergency personnel. Stay tuned for more news as we countdown to launch day.

In the meantime, the Registry is functioning offline with personalized service. If you are registering your documents, please make sure you provide both the [Registry Consent form](#) and the [Document Information form](#). These registration forms are also at [www.nidus.ca - Registry](http://www.nidus.ca - Registry).

## Nidus Job Posting: Program Coordinator

Nidus is seeking a full-time program coordinator for our three-year project funded by the United Way of the Lower Mainland.

Application deadline is Wednesday, June 6th, 2012 at 5:00 pm (PST).

For details on the position and where to send your cover letter and resume, please see the [Nidus Job Posting](#).

## Planning for the Future: Which documents cover financial and legal affairs?

There are two legal documents in British Columbia that can cover financial and legal affairs: 1) **Representation Agreement Section 7**; or 2) **Enduring Power of Attorney**. These documents are different in their capability requirements, areas of authority they can cover, and roles and duties of those appointed. Nidus has developed a fact sheet to explain the differences and similarities, and to answer 'frequently asked questions' about how these documents may apply in various situations. Go to [www.nidus.ca—Self-Help—Making EPA—Nidus\\_Info\\_RA7\\_or\\_EPA\\_for\\_finances.pdf](http://www.nidus.ca—Self-Help—Making EPA—Nidus_Info_RA7_or_EPA_for_finances.pdf).

## Thank you to Community Living B.C.

Nidus is very grateful for a one-time grant from CLBC to educate individuals and their families about Representation Agreements. Nidus plays a key role during the time that youth move into adulthood. A Representation Agreement is part of establishing a safe, secure and self-determined future for 19 year olds with disabilities who may need the assistance of a representative now or in the future. Representation Agreements are also critical at the other end of the spectrum, as adults with disabilities age and may need advocacy support when they encounter the health system and residential care.

## Welcome to our 2012 Summer Student

Laura Gregg is a law student at UBC. This summer, she is Nidus' Outreach Coordinator. You may see Laura with a backpack of Nidus brochures as she connects with seniors groups and other community organizations in the Vancouver Centre riding. Along with networking, Laura will be doing presentations and helping with one-to-one consultations. Welcome to Nidus, Laura!



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## Thank you to our 2012 Funders!



## Change of Mailing Address

Since April 1, 2012, Nidus has a new mailing address. Please send regular mail to the following:

**1440 West 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Vancouver, BC  
V6H 1M8**

Please do not drop off materials in person as there is no reception service.

Our phone and fax numbers remain the same:

**tel 604.408.7414  
t.free 1.877.267.5552  
fax 604.801.5506**

## Seniors' Week

Seniors' Week is coming up on June 3rd - 9th, 2012. Be sure to check us out on [facebook](#) for lots of tips and information on Personal Planning for seniors during the week.

## 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.