

## Turning 19

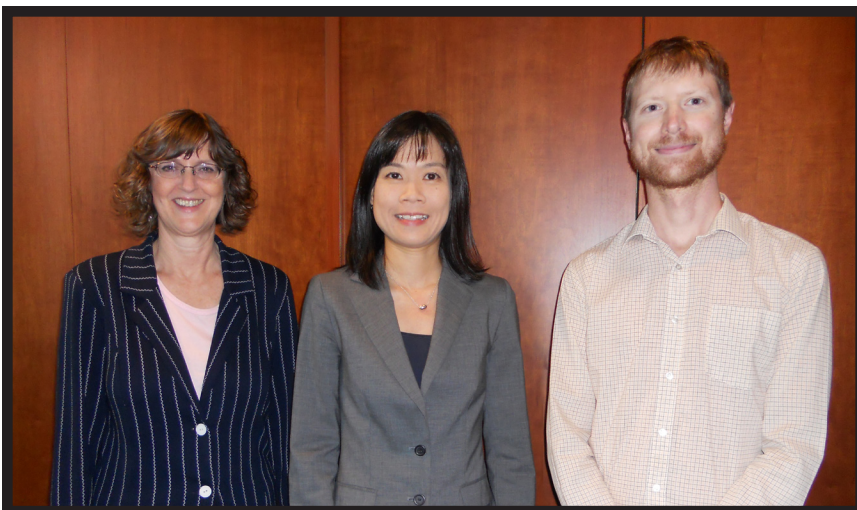
Nidus has set up a special section of our website for parents/guardians and professionals who are supporting a B.C. youth with disabilities in the transition to adulthood.

The *Turning 19* section is a work-in-progress. We are looking for help from those who have recently been through the process. Do you have tips or photos to share with others? Please let us know! Email [info@nidus.ca](mailto:info@nidus.ca) with tips, photos, and information you wish to share with others. Please include "Turning 19" in the subject field. To view our Turning 19 section, select the following link: [Turning 19](#)

### Nidus and the ProBono Law Program





Meet this year's ProBono law student, Stefan Kruse, and supervising lawyer, Jennifer Chew of the law firm DuMoulin Boskovich. Stefan will be volunteering with Nidus to assist with presentation for our seniors' project funded by the United Way of the Lower Mainland. Stefan will also assist with the Personal Planning Registry and the development of fact sheets to assist representatives and attorneys in carrying out their duties.

Due to limited funding, Nidus benefits significantly by participating in the **ProBono Students Canada Program** delivered through the University of British Columbia. The UBC law students who coordinate the project do an excellent job of matching up the students to placements.



Left to right: Joanne Taylor, Nidus; Jennifer Chew, supervising lawyer; Stefan Kruse, UBC law student.

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### Who is Searching the Personal Planning Registry?

Nidus receives search requests from a variety of parties, including sons or daughters trying to find out if a parent, who is in hospital and unable to communicate, had done any personal planning. Recently we had requests from Royal Columbian Hospital, Community Living BC and Prospera Credit Union. Are you registered? Go to [www.nidus.ca/registry](http://www.nidus.ca/registry)

### New Fact Sheets

Nidus has produced two new resources on personal planning.

#### Advance Directive Fact Sheet

An Advance Directive is a legal document in British Columbia for writing health care instructions. To learn more about Advance Directives, go to [www.nidus.ca](http://www.nidus.ca) — Information — Advance Directive — [Fact Sheet](#)

#### Restrictions on the Authority of a TSDM

A Temporary Substitute Decision Maker (TSDM) is the person selected by a health care provider if an adult is incapable of consenting to a health care decision and there is no other authority in place - such as a representative appointed in a Representation Agreement. To learn more about the restrictions on a TSDM's authority, go to [www.nidus.ca](http://www.nidus.ca) — Information — Health Care Consent — [Resources](#)

## FREE PRESENTATIONS - Online or In-Person

If you are new to the topic of personal planning or want to know more about Representation Agreements, attend a free presentation conducted by the Executive Director and Registrar of Nidus.

Nidus offers in-person presentations (Vancouver) or convenient online webinars. Go to [www.nidus.ca](http://www.nidus.ca) and select "What's New" on the right-side menu bar for a list of dates.



Joanne Taylor conducts a presentation on Personal Planning.

## You Asked, Joanne Answered.

"Ask Joanne" has returned to the website! Do you have any questions about Personal Planning? Curious about what others are asking? Make sure you read the latest on our Ask Joanne blog. You can also Select a Category to view all the questions and answers on a specific topic. Go to [www.nidus.ca](http://www.nidus.ca) - select "Ask Joanne" on the right-side menu bar.

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## BCCPD Celebrates 35 Years

Congratulations to the BC Coalition of Peoples with Disabilities, who are celebrating their 35th anniversary. The BCCPD was incorporated in 1977.

To read the latest publication of Transition, BCCPD's quarterly publication, go to [www.bccpd.bc.ca/transition](http://www.bccpd.bc.ca/transition)

## City of Vancouver Seniors Dialogues

*Do you have any thoughts about how the City of Vancouver can prepare for a growing population of seniors and older adults?*

The city invites you to take part in a public Seniors' Dialogue.

The dialogue will be held at six various locations/times throughout Vancouver. For information on the location and times, visit [www.nidus.ca/PDFs/City\\_of\\_Vancouver\\_Seniors\\_Dialogues\\_Poster.pdf](http://www.nidus.ca/PDFs/City_of_Vancouver_Seniors_Dialogues_Poster.pdf)

## 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.