



Assistive devices in BC

The CDPA is made up of five research teams – Federal disability policy, Employment issues, Inclusive education, Health services, and Culture & recreation.

CDPA's Employment team was contracted by the British Columbia Ministry of Social Development to evaluate of a pilot program to provide assistive devices to assist people with disabilities to enter the workforce. Over the one and a half years of the study, the most common devices provided by the Equipment and Assistive Technology Initiative (EATI) were computers (105), mobility devices (100), and communication devices (84). The evaluation found that these devices assisted people to take initial steps toward employment, although a longer-term evaluation is required to determine if they actually resulted in sustained employment. Participants were highly satisfied with the program, and further funding is now being considered. For more information about this initiative and access to the full report, [click here](#).