

Women, Violence and Poverty

Increasing Access to Income Assistance

your rights

If you are a victim of domestic violence Surrey Women's Centre can help you apply for income assistance.

Many women experiencing domestic violence are financially dependent on their partners and don't know help is available. Surrey Women's Centre is partnering with the Province of British Columbia to ensure women and children fleeing violence in the city of Surrey understand their rights and are able to access the financial support they need to break free from violence.

BENEFITS

Benefits may include:

Income Assistance (also known as welfare)¹
Hardship
Disability

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR WOMEN FLEEING VIOLENCE

Women fleeing violence:

- Are exempt from the Province's mandatory three (3) week job search;
- Are exempt from employment obligations if they have separated from an abusive partner or relative within six (6) months;
- Owning a vehicle, property or other assets does not immediately disqualify a woman and her children from receiving benefits;
- Special provisions exist for women fleeing an abusive sponsor;
- Denials can be appealed;
- Surrey Women's Centre is the designated community service for women fleeing violence. Support Workers are available to assist you.

¹ Special rates and provisions also exist for people who fall under the category of 'Persons with Persistent and Multiple Barriers' (PPMB). Contact Surrey Women's Centre for more information about PPMB benefits.

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we can help you apply for income assistance
(604) 583.1295

Other hand-outs from this series including: Your Rights, Applying for Assistance, Assistance Rates, Application Identification and Checklist for Service Providers and can be downloaded from our website.

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