



**Burnaby Association
for Community Inclusion**

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To the individuals and families we support:

Recently, members of the BCGEU (BC Government and Service Employees' Union) in the Community Living sector voted to give their union approval to go on strike if they deemed it necessary to achieve their goals. As you may be aware, employees of the Burnaby Association for Community Inclusion (BACI) are members of that union.

It is not certain that a strike or other labour action will occur, but the union does now have the option – within the next 90 days – to call a strike, giving 72 hours notice.

As always, BACI's primary goal is to ensure the continuing safety and well-being of the people and families we serve. We want to assure you that we have detailed plans in place, so in the event of any labour action, there will be as much continuity with our services as possible.

We are in the middle of negotiating which of our services will be considered "essential", and which others may be more affected by labour action (if it does occur).

Please note: All of BACI's child care and out-of-school care centres, as well as the Infant Development Program (IDP), have already been deemed "essential" so will continue to operate as usual with no interruption of services.

We will keep you updated with any new information as we receive it – on our www.gobaci.com website and at our special information line at 604.292.1275.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Richard Faucher at 604.299.7851 or richard.faucher@gobaci.com.

Sincerely,

Richard Faucher
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