

# FACT SHEET



MPA Society

MPA Society was formed in 1971 as a drop-in support group and a member-owned communal living group home. Over 50 years later, we continue as a member-driven organization with about 1,400 members, all of whom have mental health challenges. Our mission is to inspire hope and support recovery for individuals living with mental illness. MPA is an internationally accredited, award-winning not-for-profit organization providing social, recreational, vocational, advocacy and housing programs that support people in their own communities.

## Funding Partners

We receive over \$23 M in annual funding from Vancouver Coastal Health, BC Housing Management Commission, Fraser Health, BC Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction, BC Ministry of Finance, Service Canada, and the Law Foundation of BC. MPA does not actively fund-raise, but we are a registered charity and gratefully accept donations.

## MPA Services

- ⇒ 30 Housing, Recreation, and Advocacy programs throughout the Lower Mainland of British Columbia.
- ⇒ Over 1,100 beds in a variety of housing formats with varying levels of support provided by MPA.
  - Over 300 individuals housed and supported in our Supported Independent Living (SIL), Super Supported Independent Living (SSIL), and Supported Outreach Living Opportunity (SOLO) programs.
  - Over 300 individuals receive rent subsidy management services.
  - Over 100 individuals live in licensed housing programs.
  - Approximately 25 individuals live in group homes.
  - Approximately 40 individuals live in an assisted living program.
  - Over 125 individuals live in apartments, step down programs, or Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units with support.
  - Our Hotel Outreach program supports approximately 150 tenants living in Single Room Occupancy units in the Downtown East Side.
  - 98 Individuals reside at Larwill Place, a modular housing program located in downtown Vancouver.
- ⇒ The MPA Resource Centre located in the Kitsilano neighbourhood of Vancouver provides over 20,000 low cost meals every year, as well as providing access to laundry facilities, showers, and social-recreational activities.
- ⇒ The Vancouver and Surrey and Port Coquitlam Court Services programs assist over 4000 individuals with mental health challenges to navigate Provincial court each year

## MPA Staffing

Approximately 410 staff with mental health training or education support the programs and services offered across the 30 sites.

## Core Values & Beliefs

At MPA Society, we value:

- The uniqueness of every person
- The right to self-determination
- Peer support
- Creativity and innovation
- Accountability

At MPA Society, we believe:

- Every person has the right to be treated with dignity and respect
- Every person possesses an array of strengths and abilities
- Every person has the right to direct their own recovery
- In supporting individual growth
- In hope

## Communities Served:

- Vancouver
- Burnaby
- New Westminster
- Coquitlam
- Port Coquitlam
- Surrey
- Maple Ridge
- Abbotsford
- Mission



In 2015, the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) awarded MPA Society a Three-Year Accreditation for its Community Housing, Supported Living, and Personal Support Services programs, as well as governance, administration and business functions.