

**GROUPS IN THIS
COALITION INCLUDE:**

- The Advocacy Centre, Nelson
- Advocacy Outreach Society, Salmon Arm
- Association for Better Communities, Nanaimo
- ◆ BC Teachers' Federation
- ◆ Boundary Poverty Action Society, Grand Forks
- Boundary Advocacy Group, Greenwood
- ◆ Branching Out, Dawson Creek
- ◆ Bulkley Valley Anti Poverty, Smithers
- ◆ Carnegie Association
- ◆ Christ Church Cathedral
- ◆ Comox Valley Anti-Poverty Social Action Group
- ◆ Cowichan Women Against Violence Society, Duncan
- ◆ Downtown Eastside Residents' Association
- ◆ Downtown Eastside Women's Centre
- ◆ Downtown Handicapped Association
- ◆ First United Church
- ◆ Handicapped/Low Income Society, Pitt Meadows
- ◆ Justice and Peace Unit, New Westminster Diocese of the Anglican Church
- ◆ Kamloops Active Support Against Poverty
- ◆ Kitimat Anti-poverty
- ◆ Langley Advancing Against Poverty (LAAP)
- ◆ Lower Light Station, Fort Nelson
- ◆ NAC - BC
- ◆ Neighbourhood Helpers Project
- ◆ North Okanagan Community Law Office, Vernon
- ◆ One Plus Advocating Association, Penticton
- ◆ Penticton & Area Women's Centre
- ◆ Philippine Women's Centre
- ◆ Society of Organized Services, Parksville
- ◆ South Okanagan Urban Native Delegation Society, Penticton
- ◆ Sunshine Coast Advocacy Action Centre, Gibsons
- ◆ Tenant's Rights Action Coalition
- ◆ Terrace Anti-Poverty Organization
- ◆ Together Against Poverty, Victoria
- ◆ Social Justice Committee, Unitarian Church of Vancouver
- ◆ Vancouver & District Public Housing Tenant's Assoc.
- ◆ Vancouver\ Richmond Mental Health Network
- ◆ Vancouver Status of Women
- ◆ Vernon & District Women's Centre Society

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Hi!

We've heard from many of you about the need to join together again to organise against BC Benefits. So, here is the promised ELPKIT with information that will help us in this campaign.

The ELPKIT includes strategies for lobbying politicians and organising our anti-poverty groups. There is resource information about the background to BC Benefits changes and recent facts on poverty in Canada. The kit also includes a sample letter to Moe Sihota, a resolution to bring to your Regional Health Board, and a resolution to bring to your Municipal Council.

We've had many successes in the past by working together. We won the campaign for school lunch programs and against forced employment in the past. We did this by being focused and all working together to involve our communities in putting pressure on the government. These campaigns included all different kinds of activities from letter writing to lobbying to holding rallies.

We can win again! We can put pressure on our local politicians with the information in the ELPKIT especially in the upcoming municipal elections. We can lobby the provincial government and make this the number one issue of the NDP leadership convention in February 2000. We can organise with low-income people and our allies to build an even stronger anti-poverty movement.

In Solidarity,



OUR MISSION IS TO:

Organize low income people - Educate on the need to end poverty and create decent jobs - Encourage unity and co-operation between unpaid and paid working people - Develop joint campaigns and actions with organizations representing unpaid and paid working people