



**Bridge to
Future BC**



**Public Health Association
of British Columbia**
#550-2950 Douglas Street
Victoria, BC V8T 4N4
(250) 595-8422
admin@phabc.org

WorkBC and Referral Partner FAQs (Lower Mainland)

What is Bridge to Future BC?

A Public Health Association of BC program, funded by the Government of Canada and the Province of BC and administered by the BC Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction. It connects youth aged 16–30 on income or disability assistance to job-readiness training, certifications, and a paid work experience placement in BC's food systems sector.

Who is eligible for referral?

A client is eligible if they are 16–30 years old, currently receive BC Employment and Assistance (BCEA Income or Disability Assistance), reside in the Lower Mainland, and are interested in paid work and/or skills training.

Which referral sources are accepted?

WorkBC Employment Services Centres, plus youth and community serving organizations such as Foundry, YMCA BC, YWCA BC, Neighbourhood Houses, First Nations community groups, libraries, schools, and community/recreation centres.

Which WorkBC centres can refer clients now?

- **At launch:** ES 10–22, ES 24, ES 25, ES 41–43.
- **From April 2027:** All remaining centres are added (ES 1–9, ES 23, ES 26–40, ES 44, ES 45).

How do I refer a client?

Email lowermainland.b2fbc@phabc.org or have the client apply online at www.B2FBC-PHABC.ca/Application.





**Bridge to
Future BC**



**Public Health Association
of British Columbia**
#550-2950 Douglas Street
Victoria, BC V8T 4N4
(250) 595-8422
admin@phabc.org

Is there a cost to refer?

No. There is no cost to refer, and no cost for the client to participate. Intake, training, coaching, and employer matching are all managed by the B2FBC team.

What does the program provide once a client is accepted?

Food systems industry training, employment readiness training, one-on-one coaching, certifications (First Aid, FoodSafe, WHMIS, SuperHost), a paid work experience placement (~12 weeks) with a food systems employer, wraparound support for barriers, and post-employment support for up to 3 months.

How long does the program run, and when do cohorts start?

About 30 weeks total:

- 6 weeks of food systems training
- 5 weeks of employment readiness
- up to 19 weeks of paid placement

Intake dates:

- August 24th, 2026
- April 5th, 2027
- April 3rd, 2028

What if my referred client is not accepted?

They receive a notification thanking them for applying and are encouraged to follow B2FBC and check back for future intakes. It does not mean permanent ineligibility – future cohorts may have different capacity or criteria

