

*My student has  
the equipment  
she needs to  
keep up and  
build her  
strength. It was  
wonderful.*

*Hugs and kudos  
to you!*

*Thank you!*

*~ Therapist*

## **How to Access Our Program**

Call or fax us to check if the equipment you need is available.

Please contact:  
Children's Medical Equipment Recycling and  
Loan Service  
Canadian Red Cross, Lower Mainland Region  
3400 Lake City Way, Burnaby, B.C. V5A 4Y2

Tel: 604.709.6685  
Toll free: 1.800.565.8000 ext. 685  
Fax: 604.709.6688

Inventory website:  
[www.redcrossequipment.com](http://www.redcrossequipment.com)

New items are added regularly  
to our inventory.



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# CMERLS

**Children's Medical  
Equipment Recycling  
and Loan Service**



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## What is CMERLS

The **Children's Medical Equipment Recycling and Loan Service (CMERLS)**, in partnership with the B.C. Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD), provides basic medical equipment to clients eligible for the *At-Home Program* (age 17 or younger) and for Children-in-care (age 18 or younger) across the province.

Equipment and equipment adjustments must be prescribed by a therapist or other healthcare professional. CMERLS provides opportunities for therapists to try a variety of equipment to determine what best suits the needs of the child. Repair and maintenance of the medical equipment on loan to children is arranged as required.

The prescribing healthcare professional is responsible for teaching family/child to use equipment.

CMERLS has a variety of equipment available:

- Wheelchairs
- Special walkers and standers
- Bathing and toileting needs
- Biomedical equipment
- ... and more



### What Does CMERLS Offer

- A wide variety of readily available equipment for trial
- An opportunity for equipment upgrades where available
- Delivery of equipment to an appropriate trial location
- Assistance with adjustments
- Opportunity to have more pieces of unique equipment for children with special needs
- Equipment returns and exchanges without waiting periods
- An informative resource for therapists regarding equipment options

### How Does CMERLS Benefit the Community

MCFD has generously agreed that surplus equipment can be made available to meet the needs of children in the community who may not be eligible for MCFD programs. Red Cross provides this equipment through the Children's Community Equipment Inventory.

## What is CCEI

The **Children's Community Equipment Inventory (CCEI)** provides medical, therapeutic, and recreational equipment to children and youth with special needs who are ineligible for other equipment programs and have limited insurance or financial resources. Available equipment may include:

- Adapted bikes
- Basic medical equipment
- Ramps
- ... and more
- IV poles

Families must be referred by a therapist or other healthcare professional and are responsible for:

- Ongoing equipment care & maintenance
- Transport of equipment

The prescribing healthcare professional is responsible for teaching family/child to use equipment.

Community and MCFD donations of equipment support this program.

### How Can You Help

- Volunteer or make a financial donation
- Donate medical and therapeutic equipment, & adapted bikes for all age groups

Please call 604.709.6685. Thank you for your support!



An adapted tricycle combines fun and therapy

