

# BC NEEDS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, EVERYWHERE

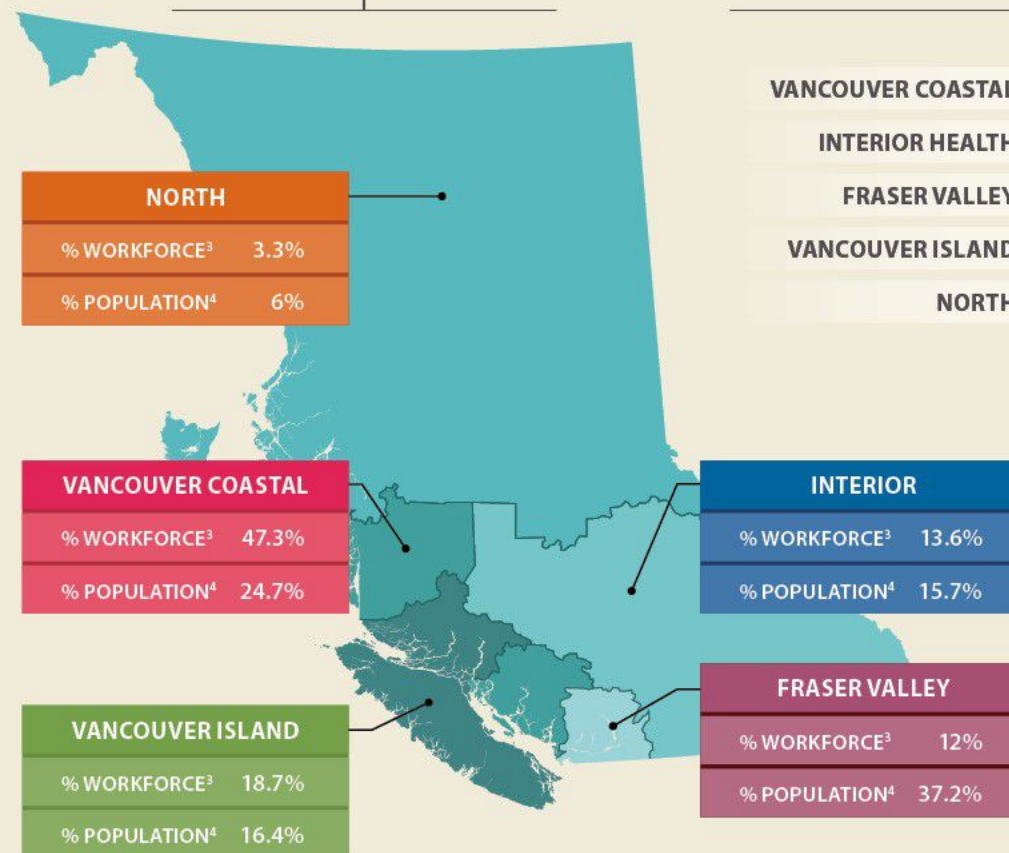
Although a key health-care provider, wait-lists for some occupational therapy (OT) services can be over one year. The OT workforce is not large enough to serve all BC communities. We need to train and hire occupational therapists in these areas to deliver this vital healthcare service for seniors, children with autism and other people with disabilities. Occupational therapy works.

## Where OTs work and should work

(Primary Region of Employment • February 2016)



**61.6%**  
of BC physicians  
indicate **unsatisfactory**  
access to publicly funded  
occupational therapists<sup>1</sup>



## Wait times for OT services: children<sup>2</sup>

VANCOUVER COASTAL	1 year, 3 months
INTERIOR HEALTH	8 months
FRASER VALLEY	8 months
VANCOUVER ISLAND	4 months, 3 weeks
NORTH	4 months, 2 weeks



**1,688**  
children referred  
(2015)

1. National Physician Survey, 2013.
2. Provincial Advocate for BC Association for Child Development & Intervention
3. College of Occupational Therapists of BC (February 2016)
4. BC Stats Population Estimates, Sub-provincial (2015)



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