

**Proposed Response:**

Single parents receiving income or disability assistance may be eligible to participate in the Single Parent Employment Initiative (SPEI), through a WorkBC centre. All clients who may be eligible for WorkBC services go through an assessment with a WorkBC Case Manager to determine the best path to achieving and sustaining employment. Both the client and the Case Manager work together to determine what services and supports will best support the client, including participation in SPEI. To learn more about SPEI eligibility details, please visit [Ministry website](#).

**Summary of EPBC Statistics:**

- As of February 2018, total 1,602 single parents have received EPBC services or supports under SPEI;
  - 93% (1,490) of SPEI clients are single women and 7% (112) are single men;
  - Total \$17.1 million has been invested for those clients in EPBC services, including
    - \$1.6 million investment in childcare top-up,
    - \$0.2 million investment in transportation,
    - \$10.3 million investment in long-term training (such as occupational skills training and basic and essential skills training),
    - \$1 million investment in paid work experience, and
    - the rest \$4 million investment in other EPBC services (such as case management services, pre-employment training, short-term training, self-employment services, employment supports and assessments, etc);
  - 770 have completed SPEI;
  - 484 are currently in training;
  - 713 single parents have found an employment.
- 11 single parents have been assessed and deemed not suitable for SPEI or for EPBC case management services, redirected to non-case managed services;
- 22 single parents have been accepted into EPBC but have elected to receive services as a non-SPEI client in EPBC;
- Most popular areas of professional training (by National Occupation Code)
  - 3413 - Nurse Aide/Orderly – 153 clients
  - 4212 - Social/Commun Serv Worker – 127 clients
  - 1241 - Administrative Assistant – 89 clients
  - 4214 - Early Child Educator/Asst – 67 clients
  - 1243 - Medical Admin Assistant – 51 clients
  - 4413 - Elem/Sec School Teach Ast – 45 clients
  - 1411 - General Office Support – 41 clients
  - 6341 - Hairstylist / Barber – 33 clients
  - 1414 - Receptionist – 27 clients
  - 1242 - Legal Admin Assistant – 26 clients
- Most popular areas of employment (by National Occupation Code)
  - 3413 - Nurse Aide/Orderly – 74 clients
  - 1241 - Administrative Assistant – 49 clients

4214 - Early Child Educator/Asst – 41 clients  
4212 - Social/Commun Serv Worker – 36 clients  
6731 - Light Duty Cleaner – 32 clients  
1243 - Medical Admin Assistant – 29 clients  
4413 - Elem/Sec School Teach Ast – 23 clients  
1414 - Receptionist – 20 clients  
6421 - Retail Salesperson – 20 clients  
1411 - General Office Support – 19 clients