

Advocating for, supporting, and elevating the Community Disability Services sector in Alberta

# About Us

The **Alberta Council of Disability Services** (ACDS) is a nonprofit member association of community disability service providers in Alberta. Established in 1972, we work closely with the Government of Alberta and other partners to strengthen the Community Disability Services (CDS) sector to benefit Albertans with developmental disabilities.

# **OUR MISSION**

ACDS is the collective voice of our members, advancing excellence and best practices, advocating for effective public policy, and championing professional disability services.

# **OUR VISION**

People with disabilities live full lives as citizens supported by a vibrant network of services in their communities.





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# **Our Programs and Services**

# ADVOCACY

We advocate for public policy to address issues and strengthen the CDS sector. Supported by our research and sector engagement, we are viewed as a trusted and collective voice by the Government of Alberta and the CDS sector.

# ACCREDITATION

We raise professional standards through the ACDS Creating Excellence Together (CET) accreditation program, recognized as the benchmark in our sector.

# TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

We build organizational capacity by offering a range of face-to-face, virtual, and online training programs. Our sector-leading annual conference is sought after for its networking and learning opportunities.

We continually engage with our members across the province through consultations, committees, and councils. We collaborate with partners and allies, leveraging our network to connect and strengthen the sector.