



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

About ACDS

The Alberta Council of Disability Services (ACDS) is a not-for-profit association of Community Disability Services (CDS) sector organizations in Alberta. Established in 1972, our member-driven organization works closely with the Government of Alberta (GoA) and other partners to strengthen the community disability 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.

145 member organizations

supporting 11,000 Albertans with developmental disabilities

employing 13,000 workers

Our Programs and Services

Advocacy

ACDS advocates strongly for issues that affect the CDS sector. We are viewed by the Government of Alberta and the CDS sector as a credible and trusted voice. We influence public policy by supporting our members to have a collective voice, conducting sector-specific research, and offering regular updates on changes impacting the 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.

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



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