## About the Community Disability Services



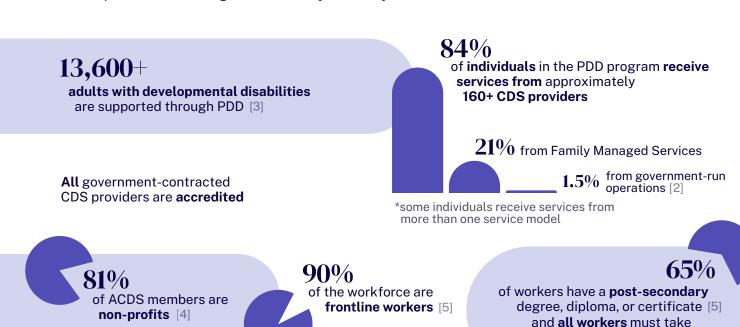
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Community-based service providers have delivered high-quality services to individuals with disabilities for the past 65 years. As a result of the deinstitutionalization movement across Canada in the 1960s, community-based service delivery was introduced as an alternative to government-run, hospital-like facilities [1].

Today, 98% of Albertans with developmental disabilities who are supported through the Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) program receive services through contracted community-based service providers or by staff hired directly through Family Managed Services (FMS) [2]. These service models enable individuals to access skilled supports in the communities where they live and throughout their lives.

The Alberta Council of Disability Services (ACDS) is proud to have been the collective voice for community disability service providers in Alberta since 1972. With over 150 members located widely across Alberta, ACDS works to advocate for effective policy, advance excellence and best practices through standards development, build organizational capacity, and provide professional development and training for community disability workers.



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