



ACDS Advocacy and Sector Engagement 2022/23




Project Blueprint CDS hosts focus groups to discuss initial survey results

MAY 17, 2022




ACDS and ALIGN host a webinar for members on advancing government relations

MAY 30, 2022




ACDS produces an Advocacy Brief with recommendations for appropriate licensing for PDD-funded supportive living accommodations

MAY 31, 2022




Blueprint CDS' labour market research is shared with CSS to inform and leverage other related initiatives in the Ministry

JUL 11, 2022




ACDS invites UCP leadership candidates to state their priorities for the CDS sector and produces resources to support the sector with information related to the leadership election

JUL 27, 2022




ACDS presents Blueprint CDS preliminary recommendations to Minister Luan, advocating for immediate wage infusion; Minister requests cost estimates for each of the preliminary recommendations

AUG 4, 2022




Blueprint CDS releases 18 evidence-based recommendations, including calling for an immediate infusion and ongoing wage relief for the CDS workforce

AUG 19, 2022



ACDS hosts a full-day in-person Leadership Engagement session; approximately 50 senior executives attend

SEP 27, 2022



After 2 years of pandemic interruption, ACDS Annual Conference is re-convened; 360 people attend over 20 sessions in Edmonton

SEP 28, 2022





On a panel discussion hosted by Alberta Nonprofit Network, ACDS CEO presents compelling data and insight on the inflationary impact on CDS services; other presenters are Todd Hirsch (Former Chief Economist, ATB Financial) and Bruce MacDonald (CEO, Imagine Canada)

OCT 12, 2022



ACDS presents cost estimates to the SCSS Ministry for each Blueprint CDS recommendation, including detailed calculations for wage infusion options

NOV 14, 2022



Blueprint CDS sector engagement sessions are completed; over 130 leaders representing about 80 agencies and other stakeholders provide feedback on the preliminary recommendations to address workforce issues

NOV 18, 2022



ACDS participates in CCVO's inaugural Alberta Community Leaders Summit, convening non-profit, government, and private sector leaders to discuss policies, programs, and investments to develop stronger communities

NOV 29, 2022



Blueprint CDS Comprehensive Workforce Strategy for Community Disability Services and supplementary Technical Document are released

DEC 19, 2022



Alberta government announces 10% increase to wage funding and 5% increase for administrative costs (primarily in the disability services sector)

DEC 21, 2022



In response to a call for clarity, SCSS Minister Jeremy Nixon reiterates that wage and admin cost funding increases are ongoing, and retroactive to Jan 1, 2023

FEB 2, 2023



ACDS attends Budget 2023 embargoed briefing with SCSS Minister

The 2023 budget provides \$137.6 million in disability services for continued increases to staff wages, administrative costs, as well as funding to reduce the PDD and FSCD waitlists

FEB 28, 2023

