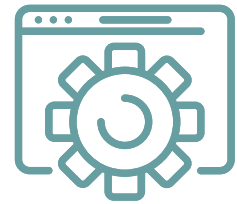


Comprehensive and Timely Data



Empower service providers to be an effective partner in forecasting and planning future service needs

We ask that community service providers be given access to **timely, accurate, and complete data** about current and potential program beneficiaries so that they can plan and develop their capacity to respond effectively to changing program demands. PDD and FSCD program data should be shared through **regular uploads every quarter**, including **active caseload, service planning/waitlist, demographic, and regional breakdowns**.

Who will require services? PDD and FSCD data currently available on the government's publicly-accessible open data portal is limited, outdated, and lacks the depth needed for community partners to forecast both the extent of future needs (how many people are expected to need PDD services in the foreseeable future?) or the types of supports that might be required.

Who is available to provide services?

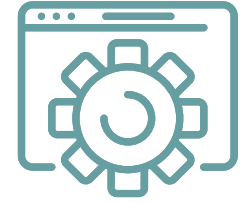
There is no consolidated data on organizational health, capacity, and growth potential (or shrinkage risk) of community disability service providers. Nor is there a deep understanding of the current workforce and provincial labour market trends that may impact the sector.



ACDS annual workforce surveys and the recently completed research for Project Blueprint have filled the gap in workforce data to some extent, but they are the only source of workforce data on the sector and much more needs to be known.



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Empower service providers to effectively forecast and plan future service needs

We also ask that the government collaborate with service providers to develop a **forecasting model** to support effective policy development and program delivery. This can be achieved by working with service providers to identify the information they need to help them prepare their workforce and organizational capacity to **meet future service demands**.

A collaborative approach is needed to increase the forecasting power of service providers so they can anticipate and strategically plan for future organizational resources and workforce skills responsive to expected demand shifts.



It is expected that much of the data required may already exist, but in isolated silos.

The task would be to identify the required information and develop a forecasting model to bring together this data to inform effective policy development and program delivery planning.