



*Advocating for,
supporting, and
elevating the
Community
Disability Services
(CDS) sector in
Alberta*



Policy Advocacy

The Alberta Council of Disability Services (ACDS) influences the development of effective public policy to strengthen the Community Disability Services sector. A strong CDS sector consists of a vibrant network of services to support Albertans with developmental disabilities to lead full lives in their communities.

Influencing Public Policy

We advocate for impactful public policy solutions by:

- **Engaging with our members** to identify emerging issues and develop effective solutions
- **Collaborating to build trusting relationships** with the Government of Alberta and other stakeholders
- **Conducting sector-specific research** to inform our advocacy
- **Empowering our members to have a collective voice** to strengthen and amplify our advocacy efforts

Public Policy Priorities

Our policy priorities are guided by three principles, which we believe are essential for an impactful and sustainable CDS sector:



**Respectful
relationships**



**Impactful
investment**



**Seamless
systems**

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Major Initiatives

- **Project Blueprint CDS:** A comprehensive workforce strategy for the CDS sector
- **Service Provider Partnership Committee:** Co-chaired engagement with the Government of Alberta to develop joint solutions
- **ACDS Annual Survey & Sector Scanner:** Vital source of information about the CDS sector
- **Inclusive Housing:** Framework and recommendations for affordable, accessible housing

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