

Priorities Related to the Community Disability Services Sector *Survey of Alberta UCP Leadership Candidates*

About the Community Disability Services (CDS) Sector

The CDS sector is comprised of community disability service providers employing about 15,000 workers offering quality services to over 12,600 Albertans with developmental disabilities across Alberta. Funded by the Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) program, service providers are largely non-profit organizations that provide adults with developmental disabilities with home living, employment, community access, and specialized supports in their local communities.

[Further reading about the CDS sector.](#)

About ACDS (ACDS)

Established in 1972, ACDS is a non-profit association of over 140 community disability service providers. Our mission is to strengthen the CDS sector by being the collective voice of our members, advancing excellence and best practices, advocating for effective public policy, and championing professional disability services.

Further reading about ACDS:

- [ACDS website](#)
- [About ACDS information sheet](#)

Current Issues Impacting the CDS Sector

Recently published ACDS research reports highlighting the current issues impacting the CDS sector:

- [The Perfect Storm: Workforce Challenges and Escalating Cost in Community Disability Services](#) (March 2022). A summary report on the impact of rising administrative and indirect costs on CDS sector organizations.
- [ACDS Survey 2021: Organizational Wellness and Workforce summary document](#) (March 2022). In addition to workforce status and turnover, this document summarizes the continued effects of COVID-19 on organizational finances, programs, workforce fatigue, and on various dimensions of organizational capacity.

Additional ACDS research, reports, and advocacy briefs can be accessed [here](#).

Your Priorities Related to the Community Disability Services Sector

ACDS is inviting all approved Alberta UCP leadership candidates to respond to our questions about their policy and program priorities as they relate to the CDS sector. Responses will be quoted directly and made available on our public website and other communication channels.

Please respond to the following questions:

1. What policies and programs will you introduce, and what existing policies and programs will you advance to **support the quality of life of individuals with developmental disabilities?**
2. How will you **improve support to community disability service providers** to help them serve individuals with developmental disabilities?
3. How will you address the Community Disability Services **sector's current workforce crisis?**

Contact Information

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