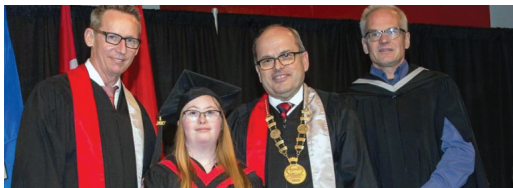


Inclusion Alberta

Supporting
children and **adults**
with developmental disabilities
and their **families**
for over 60 years



Our
Mission:

To foster family leadership and advocacy in the pursuit of fully inclusive community lives for children and adults with developmental disabilities.



What We Do:

Individual & Family Advocacy

We are committed to enabling children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families to have every opportunity for a good life in community. We facilitate inclusion and advocate for the resources and supports needed to ensure every possibility for a meaningful life.

Advocacy staff are available province-wide to personally assist families

and individuals. We are committed to responding, no matter where anyone lives in Alberta, and “doing whatever it takes, for as long as it takes”.

Our advocates address a broad range of issues, including inclusive education, housing, funding, individualized planning and much more. When families or individuals are in crisis, Inclusion Alberta is there for them. We ensure the interests of children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families are heard and genuinely considered by government.



Who We Are

Inclusion Alberta is a family-based, non-profit federation that advocates on behalf of children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families. We share a dream, with our partners and allies, where all children and adults are valued, participating and welcomed community members. We are deeply committed to enabling families and individuals to be fully included in community life.

More than 40 non-profit organizations, along with thousands of families from every corner of the province, belong to Inclusion Alberta. Our main offices are in Edmonton and Calgary with staff in every region of Alberta. We belong to Inclusion Canada and Inclusion International.

What We Believe

We believe families, in all their diversity, are the heart of community and inclusive communities benefit everyone.

Parents, including parents with developmental disabilities, should have the support to stay together as a family and to include their children in school and community life.

Children with developmental disabilities should have the right to an inclusive education in regular classrooms, inclusion in recreation and every opportunity to develop friendships. Children with disabilities at risk of, or in, the child welfare system should have every opportunity for a permanent family and a promising future.

Adults should have the opportunity for inclusive post-secondary education, meaningful employment, a decent income and a home of their own.

We believe everyone shares in the responsibility to create and sustain inclusive communities.

Our Initiatives

Inclusive Education

We believe parents should have the right to choose an inclusive education. Our Inclusive Education consultants work directly with teachers, schools and districts to support quality inclusive education from pre-school to high school, helping to adapt curriculum and instruction.

Family Leadership Development Series

Families find this annual series to be a powerful way of gaining knowledge and the means to creating inclusive lives.

Family Conference

Our annual Family Conference is the highlight of the year for hundreds of families from across Alberta as a powerful means of connecting, learning and sustaining advocacy. There is childcare and activities for teenagers. Grants are available to assist families, and individuals, to attend.

Youth Employment Partnership

Paid employment during high school is one of the most significant factors in ensuring young people with developmental disabilities gain employment as adults. This partnership works with local businesses to create jobs for youth with developmental disabilities with peer-mentored support.

Free Workshops

We hold workshops on topics of interest to families, individuals and professionals. See inclusionalberta.org/events.

Youth for Inclusion

Youth with and without developmental disabilities advocate together and host an annual Youth for Inclusion Conference.

Inclusion Alberta works together with many government and community partners, including: schools and school divisions, universities and colleges, businesses and business leaders, Rotary Clubs and Rotarians, municipalities and community leaders to create welcoming and inclusive communities.

Rotary Employment Partnership

This partnership with Rotary Clubs, municipalities and the business community has been recognized as a world-leading innovation for creating hundreds of inclusive and meaningful employment opportunities.

Darrell Cook Family Managed Supports (FMS) Resource Centre

This Resource Centre assists families in the Calgary area in every aspect of acquiring and utilizing FMS, a form of individualized funding. The Centre also acts as an online resource for families across the province.

Inclusive Post-Secondary Education

We have received international recognition for developing inclusive post-secondary educational opportunities at colleges and universities with amazing and consistent success. As with all our other initiatives, this includes individuals with severe and multiple disabilities.

Inclusive Recreation

We support children and adults to be included in community recreational activities, learn new skills, and form friendships, by partnering with community recreation providers.

Reg Peters Library

Our library provides up-to-date information on a wide variety of topics. Search online at inclusionalberta.org/resources.

Complex Needs Initiative

This is a specialized resource for individuals and families who are experiencing significant challenges in pursuing a meaningful life.



Support Us

Inclusion Alberta is a registered charity and donations are tax deductible. Your donations help ensure families and individuals across Alberta receive the support and assistance they need.

We hold monthly hour-long information sessions in Edmonton and Calgary and quarterly in Lloydminster. Times and locations are available online at inclusionalberta.org. Sessions can also be held in other locations (e.g., businesses, organizations and homes).

You can donate directly through our website or by attending one of our annual free breakfasts in Edmonton, Calgary and Lloydminster.

Join our Dream Maker Society by donating a minimum of \$1000 a year for 5 years. To find out more about becoming a Dream Maker, visit us online at inclusionalberta.org/donate.

Donate Used Clothing & Goods

We turn recycled items into supports, services and funding by collecting used clothing and household goods which we sell to Value Village. All proceeds earned go to support our work. Visit inclusionalberta.org/donate to schedule a free home pick-up or to find the nearest drop-off bin.

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