

	Alberta New Democratic Party (NDP)	United Conservative Party (UCP)
Inclusive Education	<p>-Hiring 4,000 more teachers and 3,000 educational support staff</p> <p>-\$100 million immediate increase Program Unit Funding (PUF).</p> <p><i>Note: no party defines inclusive education, addresses parental choice for an inclusive education or its quality. Commitments of more educational assistants and/or teacher do not necessarily equate to parental choice for an inclusive education, as defined by Inclusion Alberta, Inclusion Canada and Inclusive Education Canada being honoured or to improved quality. No party has committed to ending or reducing the use of seclusion rooms or physical restraints in schools.</i></p>	<p>-Budget 2023 included funding to hire 3,000 new support staff</p> <p>-Will continue to champion the importance of school choice and allowing parents to decide the type of education that is right for their children and their needs</p> <p><i>(This UCP commitment to parental choice has never been applied to a parent's choice for an inclusive education.)</i></p>
FSCD and PDD: Access and funding		<p>-\$5 million additional FSCD funding for testing, educational supports for children with autism and other complex needs</p> <p><i>(Found in the platform under the heading Improving Healthcare for Women and Children.)</i></p>
FSCD and PDD: Access for Indigenous People and in First Nations		
Income Security	<p>-Immediate monthly increase of \$135</p> <p>-Ongoing indexation of AISH benefits</p>	-Ongoing indexation of AISH benefits
Inclusive Employment		
Inclusive Housing	<p>-Housing another 40,000 Albertans within the next five years</p> <p>-Will focus on housing the people with the deepest need, including Albertans with disabilities</p>	<p>-Introduced a 10-year strategy to increase affordable housing units by 25,000</p> <p><i>(No reference to accessibility or disability.)</i></p>

Accessibility Legislation

The NDP has committed to consulting on and introducing accessibility and inclusion legislation to outline a framework to identify, remove, and prevent barriers to full participation of people living with disabilities in their communities and in the economy. It is important for Albertans to know that in other Canadian provinces accessibility legislation has begun to effectively address barriers to physical accessibility and some other forms of accessibility, but nowhere has accessibility legislation furthered the inclusion of children and adults with developmental disabilities. Evidence to the contrary does exist. We call upon every party to ensure any future accessibility legislation concretely furthers inclusion while reducing the segregation, congregation, and marginalization of individuals with developmental disabilities. There is no reason to expect that the current lack of focus by every party on improving the lives of children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families would change as a result of a single piece of legislation.

Links to Full Party Platforms

[Alberta New Democratic Party \(NDP\)](#)

[United Conservative Party \(UCP\)](#)

[Other parties listed on the Elections Alberta website](#)

Additional Information on Alberta Election 2023

The NDP and UCP responded to question during Inclusion Alberta's provincial election forum on May 9, 2023. The recording of the forum and a response from Inclusion Alberta to statements made by the parties [is available here](#).

Inclusion Alberta [published 21 policy solutions](#) for the provincial government to adopt and presented them to representatives of the Alberta New Democratic Party (NDP) and the United Conservative Party (UCP).