

ALBERTA ELECTION 2023

SPEAK UP FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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Persons with Developmental Disabilities Program (PDD) and Family Support for Children with Disabilities (FSCD): access and funding

FSCD and PDD are failing families and individuals with developmental disabilities. While the government has announced plans to begin offering PDD supports to 800 adults “Waiting for Services”, this list includes only those deemed to have needs that are critical or urgent. Government seems to have no plan to support the further 1,400 adults on the misleadingly named “Service Planning” list who are without the PDD supports they require. Between PDD and FSCD, over 5,300 Alberta children and adults with disabilities are without any disability-related supports, with those receiving inadequate support far exceeding this number. This number is expected to continue growing given current FSCD and PDD budgets.

In the past, these programs have played an essential social and economic role in Alberta, supporting families to raise their children with disabilities at home, parents to maintain their jobs, and adults with disabilities to live, work and participate in community life. The assistance previously available through these programs needs to be restored immediately.

Candidates and their parties can commit to:

- **Establishing a Ministerial task force with membership that is inclusive of family members and individuals with disabilities, Inclusion Alberta, and other interested parties to create an action plan to return the FSCD and PDD programs to compliance with the intent of governing legislation and by acting on the multiple reviews to date**
- **Stopping the unnecessary reduction of existing supports and ensure families are treated by government’s frontline representatives with respect and trust**
- **Immediately restoring adequate funding to the FSCD and PDD programs**
- **Developing a plan to eliminate waitlists**
- **Ensuring future funding for these programs accommodates demographic growth and inflation**
- **Providing advances to pay for FSCD services to ensure access for families facing financial and social barriers**
- **Providing a sufficient wage adjustment for disability support workers**

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