

Alberta Ability Network Newcomers with Disabilities - Navigating the System Terms of F

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Name

Alberta Ability Network (AAN) - Newcomers with Disabilities - Navigating the System

Vision

• Where everyone is included and supported.

Mission

• Address the unique barriers faced by Newcomers to Alberta with disabilities.

Priorities

- Ongoing Frontline Worker Training for the disability and settlement sectors.
- Understanding the intersectionality between the settlement and disability sector to support newcomers with disabilities.
- Ensuring settlement and disability sectors understand each other's functions and responsibilities in supporting newcomers with disabilities.

Membership

Membership is open to persons with disabilities, stakeholders, people with lived experience and those who support them, health practitioners, academia, community advocates, and government.

AAN Adaptive Inclusive Recreation Structure

Director of Government Relations and Advocacy

Responsible for:

- Oversee Alberta Ability Network activities, recruitment, leadership, and management of 5 tables.
- Engage the community through collaboration.
- Establish positive relationships with the community for the purpose of education and awareness and call to action on disability issues.
- Oversee and ensure the identification of new and emerging issues through community consultations.
- Advise, report to, and make recommendations to the Government of Alberta on matters relating to the opportunity for full and equal participation of persons with disabilities.
- Initiate exploration of new and emerging policy areas of interest to the disability sector.
- Assist in the development and implementation of strategies to enable policy development and legislation to support emerging gaps in services to persons with disabilities.
- Input on policies, procedures, services, and future developments of the disability sector.
- Seek to deepen the understanding of complex social and community issues and take collaborative action.

AAN Government Relations and Advocacy Coordinator

Responsible for:

- Engage communities and provide space to address the challenges facing the sector and respond to problems and needs through collaboration and active participation.
- Connect with the community to identify skills and assets to support Alberta Ability Network.
- Serve as a community connecter between various communities and groups with an interest in common initiatives.
- Participate in external meetings & committees to represent Alberta Ability Network's vision advocating priorities established by network members.
- Develop new resources through dialogue with network members and the community.



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- Evaluate existing strategies to identify opportunities for improvement and utilize and incorporate best practices.
- Seek out learning opportunities that contribute to the growth of the network.
- Remain actively engaged with the community in-person and through the website and social media.
- Attend meetings, prepare agendas, minutes, reports, and file documents as required.

Accessible Affordable Transportation Chair/Co-chair

Responsible for:

- Work with the AAN leadership to create meeting agendas and address action items.
- Assist in facilitating AAN Adaptive Inclusive Recreation meetings.
- Bring attention to emerging issues within the community.
- Evaluate existing strategies to identify opportunities for improvement and utilize and incorporate best practices.
- Recruitment.
- Accountability.

AAN Accessible Affordable Transportation Table Members:

Responsible for:

- Participating in Accessible Affordable Transportation meetings.
- Participation, accountability, and evaluation.
- Share learning opportunities that contribute to the growth of the table.
- Deepen the understanding of complex community issues and take collaborative action.
- Share table resources with their institution members.

Meetings

Monthly meetings are virtual and are held on the <u>second Wednesday</u> of <u>every month</u> from <u>11:00 am –</u> 1:00 pm.

Decision Making

Quorum is achieved when meeting attendance is 50% plus one.

Communication

Minutes and all documentation relevant to the AAN Accessible Affordable Transportation table are posted on the Alberta Ability Network website: https://www.ababilitynetwork.ca/ AAN Accessible Affordable Transportation table members can log into the *Accessible Affordable Transportation Minutes* page after making an account. Regular community information is shared with members. AAN Adaptive Inclusive Recreation table members notify the AAN Government Relations and Advocacy Coordinator if they are unable to attend a meeting. Use social media to communicate and share information.

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Name (Printed)	Organization (If Applicable)	
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