

Other Programs

There are a wide range of Government programs and other resources available to support adults with disabilities. A good source of information is the Information for Albertans with Disabilities website at www.seniors.gov.ab.ca/CSS/odi/disability_info/index.asp. This site provides a listing of resources in the following categories

- [Accessibility and Communication](#)
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- [Employment](#)
- [Financial Supports](#)
- [Health and Personal Supports](#)
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- [Other Guides/Directories](#)

Here are a few of the highlighted resources from that list.

Designated Parking

If you are unable to walk 50 meters unassisted, you may qualify for a parking placard. Application forms and information about the policy are available at www.trans.gov.ab.ca/Planning/BarrierFree.asp or by calling Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation at (780) 427-7013 in Edmonton (toll free by dialing 310-000 first).

Post Secondary Education

Students' Finance Board-Students with disabilities who need financial help for basic expenses
Visit www.alis.gov.ab.ca/studentsfinance/.

Transitional Vocational Programs

A ten-month program for people with developmental disabilities is offered at some community colleges in Alberta. For more information on these programs call Service Alberta at 310-0000 to be connected toll free to the Career Development Centre nearest you. If you use a TDD/TTY, call 1-800-232-7215 in all other areas.

Inclusive Post Secondary Education (IPSE)

Several colleges in Central Alberta offer adults with developmental disabilities the opportunity to experience the full range of college classes and social environment. IPSE is not geared toward an definite employment outcome, but more toward continuing the development of lifelong relationships and meaningful pursuits.

Canada-Alberta Service Centres

Canada-Alberta Service Centres and Career Development Centres offer supports for training, employment assistance, income assistance while training, and automated job banks.

The Alberta Learning Information Service (ALIS) has a listing of the centers at www.alis.gov.ab.ca.

Disability Related Employment Supports (DRES)

For more information on DRES, visit www3.gov.ab.ca/hre/dres or call 310-0000 and ask for the Alberta Human Resources and Employment office nearest you.

Health Care Coverage

Regional Health Authorities (RHA) are responsible for providing needed health, medical and home care for all Albertans. Individuals with developmental disabilities who receive AISH will be provided with Alberta Health Care and Blue Cross coverage through the AISH program.

Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL)

AADL is a government program which provides funding for basic equipment and supplies that can help a person continue independent living in their home. AADL can provide:

- Bathing, walking, and environmental aids
- Prosthetics/orthotics and custom footwear
- Oxygen and respiratory equipment
- Medical/surgical supplies
- Incontinence supplies
- Seating devices and wheelchairs

For details about AADL, call Service Alberta at 310-0000 to be connected toll free..

Advocacy

The Alberta Association for Community Living (AACL) supports family conferences, leadership development as well as helping to link families to provide mutual support.

The Alberta Council on Disability Services (ACDS) supports service providers through administration of the CET standards, as well as through staff training and leadership development.

The Premier's Council in the Status of Person's with Disabilities provides general advocacy and support.

Self Advocacy

Many individuals with developmental disabilities are active self advocates. Annual learning retreats as well as conferences and workshops are held in communities throughout the year. The *Leadership Today Society of Alberta* offers a number of formal programs that can assist individuals learn to participate more fully in planning their own lives, making choices, asking for supports, and participating in their communities.

Transportation

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Accessible Municipal Transportation

Municipalities throughout Alberta provide accessible transit services on select routes. Door-to-door accessible services are offered in many communities around the province, and accessible taxi services are provided in several communities.

Canada Pension Plan (CPP) Disability Pension

CPP Disability is a federal government pension provided to people who have a severe and prolonged mental or physical disability. The amount of your pension depends on the amount you have contributed to CPP during your employment history. For additional information about CPP Disability Benefits, call Canada Pension Plan at 1-800-277-9914 or visit the CPP website at www.sdc.gc.ca/en/isp/cpp/disaben.shtml.

Residential Access Modification Program (RAMP)

RAMP provides a grant to facilitate access into and within the principle private Alberta residences for people that require the use of a wheelchair on a regular basis. The grant is available to a homeowner or a tenant (if the landlord agrees to the modification). For further information concerning RAMP, call 310-0000 and ask for (780) 644 8085

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)

CMHC, funded by the federal government, operates a number of programs that offer assistance in the area of housing:

Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP)

RRAP for Persons with Disabilities provides assistance to low-income homeowners who require modifications to improve accessibility.

For more information, visit http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/ab/noho/noho_011.cfm.

Emergency Repair Program (ERP)—ERP provides assistance to low-income homeowners in rural and remote areas to undertake emergency repairs required for the continued safe occupancy of their houses. A large portion of this program is directed to Aboriginal people. For more information, visit http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/ab/noho/noho_005.cfm

Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)

In some communities, services such as home care, transportation, visiting services, and various outreach programs are offered by FCSS. Contact your municipal office to find out what FCSS services are available. For more information, visit www.fcss.ab.ca/.

More information about Other Programs and Resources intended for adults with developmental disabilities is available from PDD Central Region Community Board website at www.pdd.org/central or from any PDD Central Region office

Camrose	780.679-5058
Drumheller	403.823-1653
Lloydminster	306.820-4257
Olds	403.556-4200
Red Deer	403.340-5003
Rocky	403.845-8393
Vermilion	780.853-8209
Wainwright	780.842-7501
Wetaskiwin	780.361-4532
Regional Office	403.340-5003

(Call toll-free using 310-0000)