

Council of Community Living Ontario - Council Advocacy Priorities 2021-2022

The Council of Community Living Ontario consists of 12 elected self-advocates from across the province that come together to make a difference in the lives of people who have an intellectual disability by making sure their voices are heard. They connect with Community Living Ontario's Board of Directors to find solutions and share information, opinions, knowledge, and their lived experience.

Council strives to focus their advocacy efforts on the following topics:

1. Lifting people who have a disability out of poverty by connecting with the Ministry and advocating for an increase in Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP).
2. Advocating against the creation of large residential/institution-like living environments and congregate living.
3. Advancing the voice of people to live in safe and affordable housing.
4. Challenges faced in accessing health care and the quality of treatment by health care professionals of people who have a disability.
5. Seeking opportunities for advocacy and connecting with self-advocates across the province by:
 - a. Hosting presentations and webinars on informative topics.
 - b. Attending workshops and conferences to further the education of Council members.
 - c. Creating and fostering collaborations with other organizations, self-advocacy groups, and partners.
 - d. Contributing to the Community Living Ontario Strategic Plan.
 - e. Participating as members of Community Living Ontario Committees and the Board of Directors.

An inclusive community starts with us and we must possess the courage to make it happen!