

COMMUNITY LIVING ONTARIO

Value Proposition

WHO WE ARE:

- Community Living Ontario is the provincial whole that is greater than the sum of its local parts. We have been a respected, coordinated voice of the sector since 1953.
- We advocate for the inclusion of persons who have an intellectual disability to always be part of the community.
- We are a social justice movement, promoting inclusion where people live, learn, work and play.
- We are a unique gathering of self-advocate, professional and family perspectives.
- We seek partnerships with other like-minded organizations and people from various sectors and experience.
- We have a long, grass-roots history of working together for better lives and a better society.
- We are members of Inclusion Canada along with our counterpart organizations in all provinces and territories.

OUR RELEVANCE TO FAMILIES:

- Through us, you have access to government policy and decision makers;
- With us, your voice is respected and heard;
- We're the only provincial organization bringing together people, families and professionals;
- We bring the latest information through Update Friday and other channels to keep people informed and educated;
- Talk with and learn from other families through our Family Leadership work;
- Connect with your local organization for awareness & collaboration;
- Through Community Living Ontario you can put your valuable time and energy towards a greater good.

OUR RELEVANCE TO SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS:

- Connect with other locals to share information, ideas & promising practices through our Provincial Executive Directors' Group;
- Be part of a progressive movement that promotes inclusive philosophy and practices;
- Leverage our collective political clout;
- Advocacy and allyship around the confederation, its philosophy, and its values;
- Recognize and support the need for a collective voice that's built from the ground up, with people, that includes and respects the voices of self-advocates, families and professionals;
- Provides education and learning opportunities.

OUR RELEVANCE TO SELF-ADVOCATES:

- A place where self-advocates have a respected contribution and can collaborate with other self-advocates, families, professionals and volunteers, working towards common goals;
- The opportunity to hold a leadership position as part of the 12-person elected Council of Community Living Ontario;
- Be part of a progressive movement with an inclusive philosophy;
- Elevate the voice of people who have lived experience, with government, so that they are informed about key issues affecting people.

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