

Council of Community Living Ontario Advocacy Priorities 2022-2023

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 experience.

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

Poverty – increasing financial equity above the poverty line, for example, increasing the special needs diet allowance and personal needs allowance.

- Stop the Provincial claw back of wages.
- Continue to advocate for Bill C 22
- Advocate for people to receive the amount of passport funding they are eligible to receive.

Support Workers – increasing safety and security of people with disability by increasing the value of the role and job security for support workers.

- Change education of DSW's to focus on working directly in support of families actively supporting people in their community activities.
- Change DSW program to focus on a person-centered plan as directed by the person, making and reaching goals and dreams.

Health Care – increasing access and quality of treatment by health care professionals.

MAiD – advocate against Bill C 7

Abuse – Human Rights – Independent Decision Making

- Increase autonomy and voice of people with disability.
- Increase awareness and acceptance of speaking out about abuse.
- Advocate for support of people who experience abuse.
- Increase inclusion, awareness and support in decision making.

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Social Justice and Intersectionality - Increase conversation about impact of disability as an intersectionality

- Increase awareness of “othering” and oppression
- Increase inclusion in all aspects of the community.

Long Term Care and Residential Living - Advocate against residential/institutional living environments and congregate living

- Advocate for a choice in living arrangements making sure the choice is a choice from the person’s point of view (i.e. a choice is between two or more settings)

Housing – Advocate for safe, accessible, inclusive, affordable housing and the choice of where and with whom to live.

Education – Increase access and quality of education.

- Educate the educational professionals about the need for equitable, inclusive and accessible education.
- Advocate for success in achieving the student’s educational goals.

Employment – advocate for inclusion, acceptance, accommodation and equity in maintaining employment at a fair living wage.

- Increase recognition that volunteering is not work and that people have the right to a decent job with a fair living wage.

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