

## **A Credo of Acknowledgement for the Council of Community Living Ontario**

The Council of Community Living Ontario is thankful for being able to meet, work and advocate on the traditional Indigenous territories and the Council recognizes the 46 treaties and other agreements from all across the province of Ontario.

We recognize that the First Peoples took care of the land, and we will do our best to continue to care for the earth.

We, as a culture of human beings have suffered injustices, and we get it, whether we have invisible or visible disabilities, as one of our intersectionalities, we have suffered and continue to suffer from prejudices, stereotypes, and biases similar to but not the same as Indigenous People.

We acknowledge the beliefs of First Nation, Metis, and Inuit Peoples.

### **Our beliefs are:**

We recognize that there is more to people than the labels that prejudge us,

We fight for inclusion, education, and diversity,

We fight to keep history alive, so it will be remembered, and not repeated.

We empathize, we hope, and work with Indigenous Peoples.

### **Council embraces the Community Living Ontario movement, which is:**

To create inclusion for all people:

By increasing equity in the community

By being actively involved in the conversation

By acknowledging self determination and the dignity of risk

By being accepted for who we are and the differences that we have

By being active in community decision making

By being included in the paid workforce

By being treated as true members of the community

### **Council recognizes the value and importance of ALL people.**

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