

- The [Accessible BC Act](#) (2021), is a law that recognizes access to supports and services for people with disabilities as **a human rights issue** and works to address barriers to ensure their full and equal participation.
- [The 2019 Re-Imagining Community Inclusion Report](#), shows that people with disabilities want to move away from harsh rules, stigma, and confusing systems, toward respectful, easy to access, and person-centred supports.
- **All people should have access to the supports and services needed** to achieve their fullest potential and thrive in their communities.

Key Challenges

- Despite legal protections, disability supports and services depend on the government's budget and are **seen as a charity** more than a right.
- Provincial **investments have not kept up** with the growing demand for services or the complexity of people's support needs, causing problems like:
 - Restricted access, long wait times, and gaps in service,
 - More pressure on community organizations,
 - A lack of professionals with adequate training and expertise,
 - Limited supports in some areas of BC, and
 - Different types of services not working together.
- **Supports and services are often not inclusive** and are unfair, unaffordable, difficult to access, and not culturally safe or focused on the person's needs.

How to Make People's Lives Better

Ensure Access to Inclusive Supports

- Create a **Provincial Disability Strategy** with steps, including:
 - Provincial accountability and oversight.
 - Coordination and collaboration across ministries and crown. corporations.
 - Develop a coordinated workforce strategy.
 - Provide enough funding for person-centred supports and services.
- **Provide community organizations with the resources they need** to effectively support people with disabilities, including people with complex needs.
- Enhance the quality and quantity of **person-centred community supports**.

Position Statement: Access to Disability Supports and Services for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

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