



2025 Federal Election Toolkit

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About this document

This toolkit is for Inclusion Canada federation members. It will help you talk to political candidates. The toolkit explains the issues that are important to us. Candidates need to hear directly from self-advocates and families. Your stories are powerful.

We have 5 priorities for this election. These are the most important things we want the government to focus on. You can talk to political candidates about these priorities. You can tell them why they matter to you.



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Priority 1

Lift adults with disabilities out of poverty

- 70% of adults with an intellectual disability are poor.
- The Canada Disability Benefit will not bring people with disabilities out of poverty. \$200 per month is not enough.
- We want the benefit to increase. People with disabilities should get \$2,400 a month between their provincial and federal benefits.
- Provinces and territories should not claw back any money from the Canada Disability Benefit.
- More people should be eligible for the benefit. It should not be limited to people with the Disability Tax Credit.

Questions to ask:

- Will you increase the Canada Disability Benefit?
- How will you make sure the Canada Disability Benefit reaches everyone who needs it and is not clawed back?

Priority 2

Protect people with disabilities, who are not at the end of their life, from Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD)

- Track 2 MAiD offers death to people with a disability who are not at the end of their life. It discriminates against people with disabilities. It says their lives are not worth saving.
- It is wrong to offer MAiD instead of giving people the supports they need to live a good life.
- We want Track 2 MAiD to be removed from the law. And we want to make sure MAiD does not expand more. MAiD must include ways to protect people with disabilities.

Questions to ask:

- Will you remove Track 2 MAiD from the law?
- How will you make sure people with disabilities have the support they need to live good lives?

Priority 3

Support real work for real pay

- People with disabilities have a right to real work for real pay in the community.
- Post-secondary education leads to jobs. Students with an intellectual disability need access to federal student aid programs.
- Organizations need resources to help them transition to inclusive employment services. Funding is needed to transform sheltered workshops.
- Successful programs like Ready, Willing, and Able (RWA) need funding to reach more people. We would like to see funding of 8 million dollars a year.

Questions to ask:

- Will you invest in moving from sheltered workshops to inclusive employment?
- Will you sustain and increase funding for RWA?

Priority 4

Increase inclusive, affordable housing

- There is not enough accessible, affordable, inclusive housing. This leads to homelessness. It also means people with disabilities get separated from the rest of the community.
- Federal government housing plans need to think about people with disabilities. Housing should be designed to be as accessible as possible for everyone. This is called Universal Design.
- Funding should not be used for housing that groups people with disabilities together or separates them from the rest of the community. We want inclusive housing that is spread out through the community.
- The rules of the Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) should be changed to help people with disabilities buy a home.

Questions to ask:

- Will you stop funding segregated housing and require Universal Design?
- Would you support an RDSP Home Buyers Plan?

Priority 5

Support children, youth, and families

- Families need more money. The amount of Canada Child Disability Benefit needs to go up. It should be twice what it is now. More families should be able to get it. It should be available even after a child turns 18.
- Families need inclusive services like childcare. There should be funding to help childcare services become more inclusive. There must be a clear definition of inclusion and ways to measure it.

Questions to ask:

- Will your party significantly increase the Canada Child Disability Benefit?
- How will you make sure federal money is used for truly inclusive childcare?

Next Steps

- Find your candidate. Use your postal code on the elections.ca website to find them.
- Ask the candidate for a meeting. You can email or call them. Or you can talk to them when they come to your door.
- Get ready for your meeting. Re-read this document. Pick which priorities you want to talk about. Focus on the ones that are most important to you. Include a personal story if you can.
- Meet with the candidate. Introduce yourself and why you care about disability issues. Talk about the priorities. Ask questions and listen to their answers. Be respectful. Offer to connect them to Inclusion Canada for more information.
- Send the candidate a thank you note after your meeting.
- Tell us how the meeting went. Inclusion Canada has a [survey](#) for you to fill out after the meeting. We will keep your answers private. This information helps us with our advocacy. It helps us know which political candidates can be our allies.