

Who are We?

The Developmental Disabilities Resource Centre of Calgary (DDRC) is a non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to including people with developmental disabilities into the community in real and meaningful ways. Real and meaningful ways means being able to attend the same school as other children and in the same classrooms, securing a real job with real wages, living in a home of your own choosing, and having friends. DDRC not only provides programs and services to support children and adults with developmental disabilities, but also exists as a resource centre to the general public to support the inclusion of all people.

With an operating budget of \$11 million and approximately 360 employees, the DDRC is the largest service provider of its kind in Alberta and provides services to approximately 750 people with developmental disabilities in a variety of programs. Operating under the direction of a volunteer board of Directors, DDRC receives 64% of its budget from government; the remainder is generated through fees for services, products and services from agency-owned businesses, fundraising events, corporate partnerships, and individual donations.

Our Vision and Mission

At DDRC, we have a vision of inclusion. Our vision statement reads, 'everyone belongs.' Together with our vision statement, our mission statement reads, 'DDRC promotes awareness and supports communities to include persons with developmental disabilities, thereby strengthening communities for all citizens. So what exactly does this mean?

Our vision of inclusion for people with developmental disabilities means that one day:

- Natural and mutually beneficial relationships will replace paid relationships;
- All children will have the option to be in regular classrooms in their neighbourhood schools;
- Everyone with a developmental disability will be productive either through paid employment, volunteer opportunities, or in other meaningful ways;
- Institutions will close down because they're no longer needed;
- Real homes will replace group homes;
- Negative judgments and assumptions about people with disabilities will end; and
- Agencies like DDRC will no longer be needed by people with developmental disabilities.



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