

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION:

Tips & Tools for Inclusive Housing Advocacy



National Housing Day creates an opportunity to highlight the importance of inclusive housing policies for everyone in Canada, including adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD), and bring awareness to their rights and their desires to have safe and appropriate housing.

HOUSING FACTS AND PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

- A disproportionate number of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are in **core housing need** in Canada. **18.5%** of persons aged 15 years or older with developmental disabilities live in a household in core housing need in Canada – more than twice the average for all households in Canada (**9.1%**)
- Adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities are over twice as likely as others to still be living at home with one or more parents, increasingly in situations where senior parents remain the primary support for the adult son or daughter
- People with intellectual and developmental disabilities are far less likely than others to have access to paid employment and disproportionately rely on government sources of income assistance. Only **25.5%** of working age people with intellectual and developmental disabilities have any paid employment compared to the national average of **75.5%**

ADVOCACY IDEAS FOR SELF-ADVOCATES, FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

- Think about your housing situation or the housing of your loved one. What makes it a home? What makes it inclusive? Think about your community? Who is included? What could change to make it more inclusive?
- Seek out and participate in opportunities to learn more about Inclusive housing and the housing needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Talk to your local city councillor about why inclusive housing is important for your family and community. Ask them how they will work to make this happen.
- Talk to your family members, friends, or support people about inclusive housing. Watch videos about inclusive housing together. Share resources and new information that you learn often to continue the conversation



LINKS & RESOURCES TO LEARN MORE

- **Inclusion Canada**
 - [Ways to make your community more welcoming and inclusive: Advice from people with an intellectual disability](#)
 - [What is Housing Inclusivity?](#)
 - [Did you Know? Facts on Housing and Persons with Intellectual Disabilities](#)
- **MyHomeMyCommunity**
 - [Inclusive Housing Development Toolkits](#)
 - [Inclusive Housing Development Success Stories](#)



REFERENCES

