

Community Living Ontario

Template adapted from National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health (community engagement).

Organization: Community Living Ontario

URL: <https://communitylivingontario.ca/>

Area(s) of Focus: To create inclusive communities across Ontario.

Relevance to social determinants of health and health equity: Strong

Intended Use: To advocate with member organizations, individuals and families who want to create an inclusive Ontario better to meet the needs of people with intellectual disabilities.

Principles/Values: Not explicitly mentioned

Tools/Guides: Offers multiple models of community engagement

- Developing a community engagement strategy
- Linking community resources with people and areas that need them most
- Addressing gaps in policy and system redundancies to streamline service delivery

Strategies: Strategies are targeted to engagement of people with intellectual disabilities. They include:

- Advocacy, education & awareness
- Family engagement
- Youth engagement
- Student links mentoring
- Employment
- Promote positive change through public policy and advocacy
- Provide expertise and resources to decision-makers, educators, local members, families and self-advocates

Barriers/Risks: Not mentioned

Success Factors:

- A long-term commitment with a good track record of over 70 years
- Partnered with over 115 local agencies and advocates representing more than 100,000 people across Ontario
- National influence through active membership with Inclusion Canada
- International influence through active membership with Inclusion International.

Evaluation: Feedback from participants and partner organizations.

Other Comments: N/A

References

Community Living Ontario. (n.d.). What We Do. Retrieved November 19, 2023, from <https://communitylivingontario.ca/what-we-do/>