

SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

The association provides the following services to individuals with intellectual disabilities in the community:

- Individual Planning and Counseling
- Daily Living Supports
- Community Engagement
- Social and Recreation
- Literacy and Numeracy
- Employment
- Life Skills
- Advocacy and Education

The association has the following programs located in nine locations in Lanark County:

- Residential Services
- Community Support Services
- Family Homes and Creative Living Solutions



VISION

All individuals regardless of abilities are treated with respect and dignity, have opportunities for personal development to fulfill their dreams and participate fully in their community.



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COMMUNITY LIVING
Lanark County 1966-2016

MISSION AND SERVICES

MISSION

Community Living Association (Lanark County) is a charitable organization accountable to a community based membership and is dedicated to supporting individuals with intellectual disabilities to live a quality life in a state of dignity, with the opportunity to participate fully in their community and to contribute and benefit from societal engagement.

VALUES AND BELIEFS

RESPECT: All individuals are valued and appreciated and are treated respectfully and fairly.

DIGNITY: All individuals have inherent worth and are respected for their ability and not judged by their disabilities.

CARING: We ensure that all individuals receive recognition and live in a state of respect and dignity.

RESPONSIBILITY: All individuals have rights and obligations and are entitled to the benefits of citizenship and are responsible for the obligations of citizenship.

INCLUSION: Individuals are accepted and included in the meaningful activities, rights and the fabric of families, groups, institutions, and communities.

TEAM/FAMILY: We value the strength of team and family and recognize the benefit of the collective and the obligation of the individual to contribute to the health and well-being of their co-worker, team and family.

HISTORY

The association was founded by families concerned about the lack of services for their family members and friends. The first program was a nursery school for preschool children, followed by a school in Perth that eventually moved to Smiths Falls and became the Jean Vanier School. When the Ministry of Education assumed responsibility for these schools in 1969, the association turned its attention to new challenges.



Community supports have evolved since 1970 and today we serve more than 100 individuals in the community with vital services that improve quality of life and community inclusion. In 1975, the association opened its first Residential Home and today it operates 5 residential homes that serve 22 individuals.

The association also developed a unique Family Home Program that matches families with individuals with intellectual disabilities. The association operates programs and services that serve 122 individuals with intellectual disabilities from nine locations in Lanark County.

IMPACT

We are part of a larger movement that advocates for the rights and well-being of all people with intellectual disabilities. We have lobbied for national legislation that recognizes and enshrines individual rights, and national programs that help with financial independence.

We were leading advocates for human rights, inclusive education, closing of institutions and community integration. The stakeholders which have included parents, agencies, individuals, and activists have transformed the Developmental Service field to broaden and increase societal acceptance and improve the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities.

We deliver local services and programs that support community living options, inclusion, and daily living supports that significantly improve peoples' lives. We make a difference each and every day for many of our neighbours. We are proud of these accomplishments, but so much more needs to be done to ensure our vision statement becomes a reality. We invite you to join our advocacy and to lend your voice to a call for change and action that will continue to improve the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities.

