DISABILITY CAN

Backgrounder

Why we're becoming Disability Can

March of Dimes Canada is becoming Disability Can. Our programs, services, and commitments remain the same. What's changing is our name and our logo. Disability Can says who we are and who we serve, while honouring the work we do alongside people with disabilities, families, caregivers, donors, and partners.

Disability doesn't limit what a person can do — barriers do.

This name Disability Can came from listening to people with disabilities: the people who use our services, work alongside us, and navigate a world that wasn't always built with inclusion in mind.

SAYS WHAT WE DO

Research shows the name Disability Can states our purpose clearly and resonates with people across Canada.

EASIER TO FIND

More people can find the programs and services they need and get more support with fewer barriers.

BUILT FOR WHAT'S NEXT

When we remove barriers together, people with disabilities can participate in every part of life equally. We chose this name because we're committed to meaningful action.

Please visit www.disabilitycan.ca beginning November 17, 2026 for more information.

About Disability Can

Disability Can (formerly March of Dimes Canada) is a national service leader and ally, partnering with people with disabilities to remove barriers, build belonging, and create a more inclusive Canada.

With more than 75 years of earned trust and excellence in service delivery, we support our community across four areas: home supports and daily living, skills and employment, children and youth development, and community connections.

Partnership is at the heart of everything we do. We listen, collaborate, act, and advocate in solidarity with people with disabilities. We support caregivers, work alongside governments, employers, and community partners, and invite people across Canada to join us in creating real, lasting change.

As a committed champion for disability support and inclusion, we believe when we all come together, we can build a Canada with more access, more opportunity, and more people with disabilities shaping the future with confidence. For more information, visit www.disabilitycan.ca.

DISABILITY CAN BY THE NUMBERS

30,000+
service users across Canada

2,541
employees and 550 volunteers

6.1 million
hours of care delivered each year

$178 million
invested in our mission each year

How we view disability

More than eight million people in Canada identify as having a disability. They're leaders, creators, workers, students, parents, advocates, and community members.

Within this large community lies extraordinary diversity. Each person has a unique relationship with disability, shaped by their own experiences, beliefs, values, and intersecting identities. At Disability Can, we respect every person with disability and their personal story.

We also acknowledge the ongoing effects of discrimination and marginalization in the lives of people with disabilities. We recognize that biased attitudes, stereotypes, and harmful opinions about disability limit opportunities. The same is true for built environments and systems that exclude people with disabilities from spaces and communities.

People with disabilities have the right to a barrier-free world and everyone shares responsibility for building it. When we remove barriers, everyone wins because our society becomes more inclusive. We respect everyone's fundamental human rights.

Our work is grounded in partnership with people with disabilities, families, and communities and is informed by living experience. We're part of the disability community and people with disabilities are members of our team, making critical contributions to our work.

We know progress comes from working together. We create real change when we listen to, acknowledge, and act upon people's experiences. When we approach challenges honestly, we create real partnerships with communities and institutions, eliminate barriers, and enhance belonging.

Together, we can build an equitable and inclusive Canada.