

What does ADWA do?

As a professional association for disability workers, ADWA's role is to

- 1 Advocate on behalf of the profession for appropriate compensation, access to useful learning opportunities and a rewarding career path
- 2 Identify the standards of competency and ethical conduct for disability professionals
- 3 Recognize those who meet the standards using a sound certification process

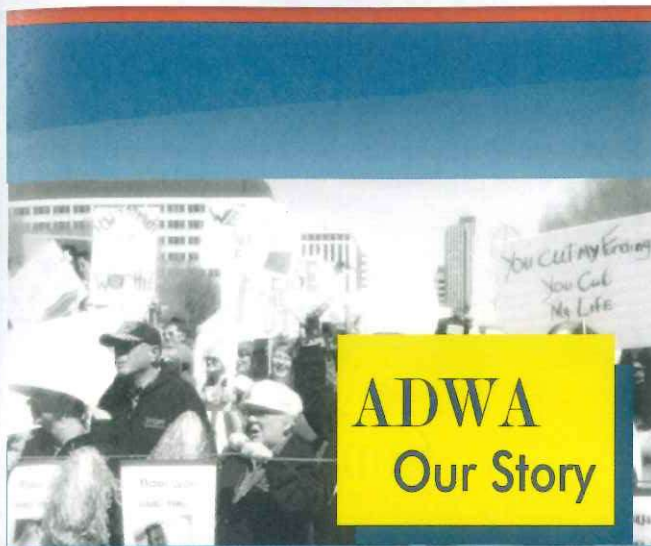


Join ADWA

ADWA is member-owned and directed. Funding for ADWA activities comes from membership dues, not the government, so that we can advocate for disability workers without fear of losing funding.

Membership costs \$120/yr or \$10/mo and can be purchased online or by submitting a membership form available online at

<http://www.adwa.ca/memberships>



The idea of a professional association for disability workers was launched at the 2009 Alberta Council of Disability Services conference with the support of 94% of the sector. The initial planning was done by the Northeast Workforce Council, St. Paul Abilities Network and the ACDS Provincial Workforce Council.

ADWA was registered as an Alberta non-profit Society in June 2010. Since that time, it has grown its membership, advocated effectively for better staff compensation and laid the groundwork for a professional identity for disability workers.

How does an ADWA membership benefit you?

- 1 ADWA membership gives you a voice in the directions of the professional association that represents your interests to government bodies, service provider councils and the community.
- 2 ADWA's website and E-Bulletins keep you informed about issues that affect you and provide current resources to help you be effective and safe in your workplace.



- 3 ADWA's community of practice and other members-only webpages give you a safe place to ask questions, give feedback and discuss important issues.
- 4 Certification will help your skills be recognized by employers and others across Alberta.
- 5 ADWA's training portal and job board can help you manage your career path.