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Our Programs



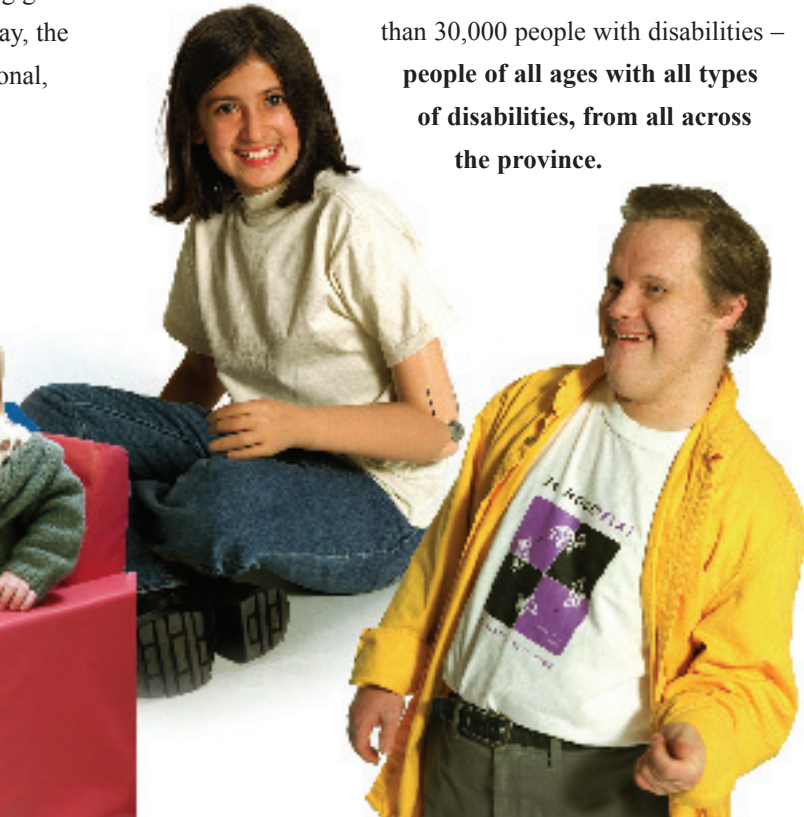
The Saskatchewan Abilities Council at a Glance

More than 50 years ago, families came together to improve education, treatment and services for their children with cerebral palsy. From this small but determined beginning grew the Saskatchewan Abilities Council. Today, the Council delivers a broad range of vocational, rehabilitation and recreation programs.



The Saskatchewan Abilities Council works with people of varying abilities to enhance their independence and participation in the community through vocational, rehabilitation and recreational services.

A province wide staff of more than 300 work in four branches located in Regina, Saskatoon, Swift Current and Yorkton, five Partners in Employment offices located in Moose Jaw, Regina, Saskatoon, Swift Current and Yorkton, the Prince Albert Special Needs Equipment Depot, Camp Easter Seal and Provincial Services. Every year, Council staff serve the needs of more than 30,000 people with disabilities – **people of all ages with all types of disabilities, from all across the province.**



Council Programs

The Council offers a broad range of programs in three main categories.

Vocational Programs

Today, people with employment barriers are choosing to pursue more independent lives. Employment barriers that can take the form of a disability or social condition might make it hard for individuals to function in the workplace or may require an innovative approach to doing a job. Our vocational services assist in all areas of *how we work*. Through a variety of programs, the Council provides resources and support to enable individuals with employment barriers to participate in meaningful employment and choose their own vocational path.

Rehabilitation Programs

Every day people with disabilities make conscious choices to live life to the fullest, to step outside safe boundaries, or to experience more of the world. Their choices inspire the Council to offer a comprehensive range of rehabilitation services. We believe the right equipment can make a big difference in quality of life for people with disabilities. It's *how we live*.

Recreational Programs

Social isolation can be a limiting factor in the lives of people with disabilities. *How we play* is the focus of the Council's recreational programs which are designed to counter isolation with good old-fashioned fun. These programs help children and adults with disabilities enjoy opportunities for independence and recreation.

Vocational Programs

Vocational services are arranged in four groups: Support Services, Training, Supported Employment and Employment Opportunities.

Support Services

The Council's support services include vocational evaluation and vocational case management. Standardized testing methods are used during a vocational evaluation to help clients identify work strengths, challenges, skills and interests. Vocational case management is staff working with clients and their support people to monitor progress and to help the client pursue their goals. It is a collaborative effort with clients, their families or caregivers, employers, physicians, mental health and social workers, physiotherapists and others, so that clients enjoy the coordinated support of their community.

Training

Vocational life skills and employment preparation courses are offered to get clients ready for employment. Individuals may also choose to work in our Training Centres to develop and practice their work and job readiness skills or continue to meet their vocational needs on a long-term basis.

Supported Employment

The Council links employers with job seekers through supported employment programs. We determine an employer's labour needs and match them with clients based on their skills and abilities. We assist employers to find, hire and train new workers, and will provide ongoing employment support.

Employment Opportunities

For some people, we are able to provide integrated employment opportunities through work at our recycling centres. Recycling centres are operated by the Council in Saskatoon, Yorkton, and Swift Current.

How We Work



Rehabilitation Programs

Special Needs Equipment

Special Needs Equipment, funded by Saskatchewan Health, loans independent living aids such as wheelchairs to Saskatchewan residents. Special Needs Equipment also sells items such as crutches, raised toilet seats and other daily living aids.

Orthopaedics

Orthopaedic appliances replace missing extremities or aid in the correction, support and prevention of skeletal problems. Our orthopaedic services fall into four categories: Prosthetics, Orthotics, Pedorthics and Specialized Seating.

Adaptive Technology Services

This program is dedicated to using electronics and computers to open the door to education, employment and recreation for people with disabilities. Assessment, installation, training and repair services for communication and environmental equipment are provided on a fee-for-service basis.

Farmers with Disabilities

This program offers peer counselling, information on machinery modifications and referral to other services which can assist farmers to continue their farming operations after a disabling accident or illness. Educating others about the importance of farm safety is a key component of this program.



Parking for People with Disabilities

In partnership with SGI, the Parking program issues special parking placards to people with disabilities to allow them to park their vehicles in designated areas.

Special Needs Transportation

Whether it's going to work or an appointment, special needs transportation in Swift Current and Yorkton offers door-to-door service for people with disabilities.



Recreational Programs

Camp Easter Seal

Camp Easter Seal is a wheelchair-accessible resort for people with disabilities. Camp Easter Seal offers all of the usual activities such as horseback riding and swimming but with on staff medical professionals we are able to offer special camping sessions for people with higher care needs.



Camp Easter Seal



Summer Fun

Summer Fun is a day camp program to help children with disabilities build social and interpersonal skills and give them a chance to have fun in a safe, supportive environment.

Life Enrichment

Our Life Enrichment programs are aimed at helping adults with disabilities enjoy their leisure time in addition to offering a way to practice social skills and build independence. We also offer programs specifically for people with acquired brain injuries.

Activity Centres

Activity Centres in Swift Current and Yorkton offers life skills training and a variety of entertaining and enjoyable activities for adults with disabilities. Participants choose the activity and staff organize the event within the branch or in the community.

How We Play

