



# ALIGN

Association of Community Services  
Together for Children and Families

**ALIGN is a network of child and family service agencies committed to improving the quality of life for Alberta's most vulnerable children and families. ALIGN promotes research and continuous learning for over 15,000 agency staff across the province while also ensuring policy-makers at all levels of government understand the issues facing Alberta's children and families.**

## OUR MEMBERS

ALIGN Association of Community Services (formerly Alberta Association of Services to Children and Families) is a membership-based, nonprofit organization supported by over 110 members throughout the province. Approximately 80% of the contracts government arranges with front-line child intervention and disability services each year are with ALIGN's member agencies. Our members employ 15,000+ staff and provide services to over 220,000 vulnerable children and families each year.



## MISSION & VALUES

Together with our members, ALIGN's mission is:

***"to speak with one voice, so children, families and communities thrive."***

ALIGN's values are:

- ***Excellence***
- ***Ethical and Accountable***
- ***Integrity***
- ***Respect***
- ***Courage***
- ***Collective***
- ***Commitment***



## STAFF

ALIGN operates with a small centralized group of staff, including the Executive Director, Administrative Assistant, Communications and Programs Assistant and Webmaster. Consultants with specialized expertise provide additional support.



## IMPACT

Over ALIGN's 55-year history, the organization has championed the development of standards for residential and community services, influenced local, regional and provincial social policy decisions and advocated on behalf of both service providers and Alberta's most vulnerable children and families.

We are a collection of allies - a unified community of agencies representing the diverse needs of Alberta's children and families. ALIGN is proud to champion the work of our frontline service providers and to support our members. Together, we are stronger.

Providing support and representation on behalf of our members is our top priority. The following examples illustrate how ALIGN achieves its mandate.

### Collective Voice

We are one voice – a collective that promotes the essential services our members provide. With a shared vision, we advocate for the causes and issues that directly affect our members and the children and families of Alberta.

### Knowledge Transfer

ALIGN works to continually build the capacity of its' member by hosting a wide range of high-calibre professional development events each year. From front-line practice to executive leadership, ALIGN works with local academic leaders as well as national and international experts to provide members with access to the best training resources available.

### Advocacy and Government

ALIGN ensures the voice of the sector is at the table whenever government convenes to develop policy, procedure and legislation. As a respected partner, ALIGN is often called upon by government, academia and other organizations to share its' collective knowledge and experience.

### Inclusive Services

ALIGN regularly convenes Indigenous and other advisory groups to ensure current research and best practices for all Alberta children and families are made available through ALIGN's training, resources and other special initiatives.

### Resources

ALIGN brings the latest sector news and research to its members' desktops three times a month through an electronic resource bulletin. ALIGN also issues a research journal twice a year and has an active social media presence. With the utmost respect for transparency, ALIGN regularly posts meeting minutes, letters and other documentation, so members are aware of how ALIGN represents them in the community.



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