

ALIGN FACT SHEET

Overview

Established in 1967, the **ALIGN Association of Community Services** (formerly Alberta Association of Services to Children and Families) serves as a community of child and family service agencies respecting the diverse needs of Alberta's children, youth, individuals, and families.

How we make an Impact

ALIGN acts as a collective voice, advocating for the rights, causes, and issues that directly affect its members and Alberta's children, youth individuals, and families. We support excellence in service delivery through shared diverse knowledge, wisdom, and evolving practice. ALIGN works to influence and collaborate with the government in the development of legislation, policy, and procedures.

Through our membership, ALIGN focuses on advocacy, influencing policymakers and legislation, strengthening and supporting sector leadership, and developing standards of best practices. This is achieved through networking, training, resources, capacity building, and support to members. We share knowledge and research by collaborating with the Government of Alberta, teaching institutions, and other provincial and national associations.

Our members

Membership is open to service providers, agencies, and organizations that offer services in areas such as, Early Intervention & Prevention Services, Child & Family Intervention Services, Family Support for Children with Disabilities (FSCD) Services, Kinship and Foster Care Services, Youth & Transitional Services, Mental Health & Wellness Services, Indigenous and Culturally Responsive Services, Residential and Group Care Services, and Community-Based and Wraparound Supports.

Regional Chapters

ALIGN's Regional Chapters play a vital role in representing the diverse voices and needs across the province. They ensure strong local advocacy, facilitate regional collaboration, and provide direct communication between members and the provincial association.

The five Regional Chapters include: **South | Calgary | Central | Edmonton | North**

Governance

ALIGN is governed by a Board of Directors composed of representatives from Regional Chapters and the broader community. The Board is supported by Elders and Knowledge Keepers, who provide cultural guidance and wisdom. This governance model ensures regional representation, inclusivity, and alignment with community values.

Our Team

ALIGN consists of a dedicated group of professionals located across Alberta, bringing diverse expertise and regional perspectives to our work.

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