

Making ACP More Accessible for Persons with Disabilities



The Advance Care Planning in Canada Project led by the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association is embarking on a two-year project to ensure advance care planning (ACP) resources are more accessible for people with disabilities in Canada. A survey of national, provincial/territorial and community organizations whose stakeholders are, or will be, impacted by a disability was carried out. The intent of the survey was to better understand of the type and availability of ACP resources for persons with disabilities, identify gaps and opportunities to enhance the accessibility, and availability of information.

What is needed to better serve clients?

77% of respondents indicated they support individuals with disabilities.

76% of organizations are regularly asked to provide supports to their clients in planning for the future.

46% said their organization created resources to assist clients/stakeholders in Advance Care Planning.

58% of organizations use resources from other organizations.

97% of respondents thought their clients/stakeholders would benefit from ACP resources and education.



What are the gaps?

- ✘ Lack of accessible resources.
- ✘ Lack of awareness regarding Advance Care Planning.
- ✘ Lack of educational opportunities for service providers.

What is needed?

- ! Create resources that meet accessibility standards.
- ! Create resources in plain language.
- ! Identify, build upon and streamline best practices.
- ! Create resources in a variety of formats (paper, online, video, one on one consultation).
- ! Resources should be person centred.

Opportunities for Collaboration

- ⊕ **72%** indicated they would prefer to offer information and education about ACP as part of their organization's resources.
- ⊕ **19%** would prefer to refer their clients /stakeholders to another organization for resources and education.
- ⊕ **64%** would like to work with CHPCA to develop resources.