

Call to Participate on the **COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION**

The **Commission on Accreditation** is an 8-member, arms-length body that reviews Level 2 accreditation site survey reports of organizations that serve the community disability sector, and renders accreditation decisions.

The **Commission** is currently looking for:

1. Emerging leaders from member agencies and/or related fields to replace outgoing members

General requirements

- Be willing to become an ACDS member if not already employed with an ACDS member organization
- Be committed to the accreditation process
- Be committed to endorsing quality services for individuals with developmental disabilities
- Be committed to serving a 2-year term
- Be committed to attending the meetings as scheduled (usually once a month; more or fewer depending on the number of Level 2 surveys conducted)

2. A lawyer or law student who will act as Chair and Advisor

The Chair must

- be knowledgeable about disability related legislation and potential challenges
- have the training or experience needed to provide direction and/or informal advice on legal issues
- have an interest in Accreditation
- be willing to chair the Commission whenever meetings are scheduled

Knowledge of the ACDS Accreditation Standards and Persons with Developmental Disabilities is a definite asset. This will be a non-voting position, with the exception of unusual circumstances.

Commission members may be part of

- the legal sector
- senior management from ACDS accredited member organizations
- post-secondary institutions
- the government
- the community at large
- natural supports, such as parents and guardians

Preference may be given to applicants who have a background or experience in Mental Health, Brain Injury, Children Services, or Seniors.

Application forms are available at <http://www.acds.ca/index.php/divisions/accreditation/committees-processes/commission-on-accreditation>. Submit your application to Clova Lehr, Director of Services and Accreditation, ACDS by fax to (403) 291-9864 or by email to accred@acds.ca.