



CAIP Innovative Attitude Change Project Proposal - Advancing Access and Inclusion

Project Title: Accessible Universal Healthcare
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Sector Targeted for Attitude Change: <input type="checkbox"/> Employers, <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (preschool – Grade 12), <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community (geographic community or community of interest)
Specific Audience To Be Reached: Healthcare Professionals
Specific Attitude To Be Established: Better understanding of disability specific health concerns, and accessible accommodating in healthcare facilities.
Geographic Reach: National
<p>Project Description Summary: Curriculum specific disability training would be given to people entering the healthcare field (PSWs, nurses, physicians) on how to interact with varying disabilities, with a focus on changing attitudes towards judgement on life quality.</p> <p>A second part of this project would be implementing standards for accessibility in all healthcare facilities (clinics, hospitals, diagnostic services, laboratories, dental offices) regarding mandatory equipment (lifts, adjustable examination beds, accessible entrances, etc) with staff trained to use the equipment. A time limit would be implemented as to when the changes would have to be made by.</p>
Project Outcomes: More people with disability having access to proper diagnostic procedures, as well as optimizing health. Medical professionals would have a better understanding of the quality of life of their patients, therefore less missed diagnosis and better health outcomes, resulting in less serious medical issues, saving cost to the healthcare system.
Project Lead and Partners: Spinal Cord Injury Saskatchewan and CAIP Project Council Members