

## Who can become a member?

Membership is open to non-profit agencies that support our objectives and provide a service to Manitobans with intellectual disabilities (or intend to establish a service within a year).

## How does an agency become a member?

Agencies need to complete an application and, upon approval pay the designated annual membership fee. Members in good standing are each allowed one vote at general and special meetings.

For more information on membership, please send an email to:  
[president@abilitiesmanitoba.org](mailto:president@abilitiesmanitoba.org)

For more information  
visit our website:

[www.abilitiesmanitoba.org](http://www.abilitiesmanitoba.org)



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## Mission Statement

Abilities MB, a network of agencies, exists to foster excellence in service delivery for people with intellectual disabilities.

## Values:

**Community Participation:** We need community participation to make inclusion, choice and respect for all people a reality.

**Respect:** The people we are supporting are deserving of qualified staff. Member agencies must comply with all pertinent legislation such as the Vulnerable Persons Act, Human Rights and all others to ensure all persons are treated equitably.

**Human Rights:** We promote the interests, rights and freedoms of supported individuals in member agencies.

**Transparency:** Member agencies will be respectful of and accountable to the people they serve, employees, funders/ government and the community at large.

**Not-For-Profit:** Services provided to the people we support will be not-for-profit.

**Natural Supports:** We recognize the value and contribution of natural supports for people with intellectual disabilities.

## The goals and objectives of Abilities Manitoba are:

To promote the interests of Manitobans with intellectual disabilities and the supports necessary to realize their chosen lives in their community.

To act as a provincial body on behalf of members, promote member concerns to governments, and represent members to relevant planning bodies.

To strive for optimum service standards, advocate for the resources necessary to achieve those standards, and promote a shared code of ethics for all members.

To facilitate the sharing of information and resources, both between members and with other interested parties.



## Why become a member of Abilities Manitoba?

Membership in Abilities Manitoba affords agencies the opportunity to add their voice to those of most other agencies in our field. This in turn makes Abilities Manitoba a stronger advocate for the interests of the people we support.

Abilities Manitoba also provides networking opportunities for agencies facing similar issues. Even when distance prevents regular meeting attendance, minutes and other information are distributed to the entire membership, and we strive to reach out to the entire province. Members also have the opportunity to partner with government personnel and third parties, forming working committees on particular interests and issues.

