

Inclusion Nova Scotia Messages – April 2025

Welcome to this month's round of messages from Nova Scotia's Disability Support Program (DSP) about our work on the Human Rights Remedy.

Regional Advisory Councils Members Announced

- At the Rebuilding HOPE Conference in March, the members of the Regional Advisory Councils were announced.

Regional Advisory Councils



Eastern Regional Council Members

Debra MacLean	Chelsie MacLeod MacNeil
Chelsea MacPhee	Brittni Bailey
Lois Landry	Katelyn Marchand
Jolene Clair	Carol Anna MacDonald
Kim Bates Cusack	(Helen) Louise Gillis
Mason Rudderham	Mary Agnes Paul-Elliot
Jarod Jenkins	Vicki Patterson
Stephanie Myette	Harman Singh

Central Regional Council Members

Krystyna McIntosh	Hamza Munawar
Brent DeYoung	Milo Ewing
Jamus Dorey	Faith Scattolon
Simon Snyder	Jessie Greenough
Patrick Flewelling	Tim Vassallo
Kaylie-Anne Adamski	Joanne Bernard
Melissa Myers	Linnea Sinclair
Tova Sherman	Sydney Henry

Northern Regional Council Members

Gabreyel (Youth)	Rae Gunn
TJ Smith	Sheri Scott
Charles Mcconville	Melissa Higgins
Ivan Willis (Youth)	Tiffany Taylor
Leta Jarvis (Senior)	Debbie Cavers
Edith MacKay (Senior)	Shannon MacLellan
Crystal Maclean	Angela Vlasic
Nancy Chueng (Senior)	Keith Appleton (Senior)

Western Regional Council Members

John Cox	Brandy Jarvis
Suzanne Belliveau	Connor Campbell
Alyssa Tuner	Morgan Heron
Brenda Francis-Jarvis	Debbie Austin
Lora Church	Holly Rogers
Jeff Moore	Donnie MacLean
Catherine Collins	Donna Muise
Natasha Vaughan	Peter Hanson

What do the Regional Advisory Councils do?

- Give advice to government on decisions affecting their communities.
- Share information with their communities.
- Help communities work together to better support people with disabilities.
- Help create services that are missing or improve services that aren't working well.
- Review applications for innovation funding.

More Funding for Disability Support, Summer Respite Programs

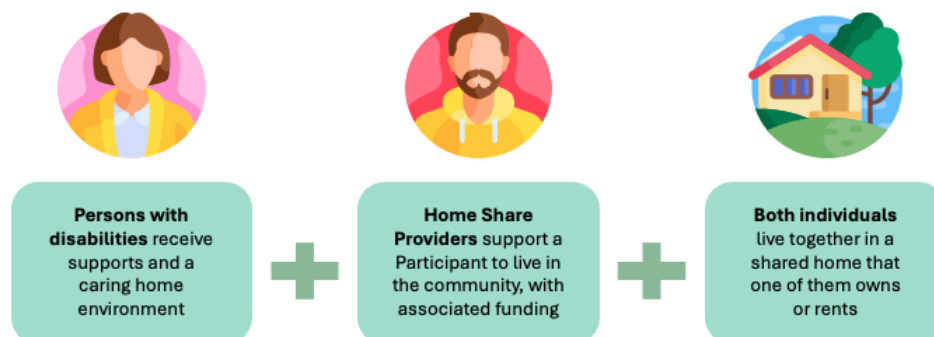
- Minister Scott Armstrong announced 9.3 million dollars in funding for Nova Scotians with disabilities through existing individualized funding programs retroactive starting April 1, 2025.
- This funding will support people in three programs: Flex Individualized Funding, Direct Family Support for Children (DFSC), and Alternative Family Support (AFS).

How do I apply to receive this funding increase?

- Persons with disabilities do not have to apply, the funding increase takes effect on April 1, 2025, for existing DSP participants.

Home Share Updates

- Home Sharing matches persons with disabilities and Home Share Providers to live together in the community. They live together in a shared home that one of them owns or rents.



- Persons with disabilities will discuss their needs with their potential Home Share Provider. Once both parties confirm their match, funding is determined, an agreement is signed, and the move-in process can start.
- The Home Share program will include safeguarding measures that benefit both parties and support persons with disabilities and the provider. These will include frequent check-ins to see how things are going.

When will Home Share be ready for persons with disabilities to access?

- DSP is currently identifying community-based organizations who will coordinate Home Share. Once they are in place, they will help identify Home Share Providers interested in sharing their home and applying to be a part of the program.
- Once these options exist, more information will become available to those interested!