



# Family Alliance Ontario

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### Our Shared Beliefs

- Family networks and family directed groups are dedicated to fostering the strengths, dreams, competencies and enthusiasm of their member families to create inclusive, caring lives for all their members.
- Informed, involved and confident families are the most effective agents for social change.
- Parents and people with disabilities are an essential source of expertise with respect to their son or daughter, to each other, and to the community as a whole.
- Individuals with disabilities are part of the community and as part of the community have valuable gifts and contributions to make.
- Individuals with disabilities must be included and must lead in all decisions that affect any part of their lives.
- All children, regardless of disability, should grow up with families and have enduring lifelong relationships.

### Our Vision

- Meaningful involvement of families and individuals with disabilities is an integral part of levels of decision-making with respect to services and supports.
- Families have the confidence and assurance that their family member will have individualized, flexible, life-long supports to enable them to live valued, productive lives their community.
- All children have the right to quality, inclusive education.
- Family directed groups receive ongoing financial support to ensure they can provide safety net of mutual support for families.

### Our Goals

- Be a strong family voice for change.
- Support individuals and families in building their capacity toward achieving inclusion.
- Ensure that support for people with disabilities includes the options of choice and portability through self-directed, individualized funding.
- Support the work of local family directed groups, and encourage new ones to develop.