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Supporting people with intellectual disabilities in living their best lives



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## ANNOUNCING THE LAUNCH OF OUR NEW E- NEWSLETTER:

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- Photos

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## February is Inclusive Education Month!

### Contest for students in elementary and secondary schools

These posters have now been distributed to the English and French school-boards across the District of Algoma. Please encourage JK to grade 12 students to consider submitting an entry! Submit your entry to [contest@cla-algoma.org](mailto:contest@cla-algoma.org).

Deadline is Feb. 18.

See the winning entries published in an upcoming issue and/or shared on our social media platforms!

**ALGOMA DISTRICT**

**February is Inclusive Education Month!**  
**Together We're Better Contest**

February is Inclusive Education month. Physical distancing measures means it is all the more important to have everyone feel included in the classroom. In tandem with Community Living Ontario's 'Together We're Better' contest, we, at Community Living Algoma, are also hosting a contest for the District of Algoma.

1. Photo collage, story or poem (500 words or less)
2. How does your school, classroom or extracurricular program support the inclusion of students with an intellectual or developmental disability?
3. Include your name, grade, teacher's name and email address; plus your school name and address
4. Open to students from JK to Grade 12
5. Submit to: [contest@cla-algoma.org](mailto:contest@cla-algoma.org) with the subject line "Together We're Better."
6. Deadline: Feb. 18, 2022. Winners announced on Feb. 25

CLA reserves the right to publish the winning submissions on-line or in print.

**DISTRICT D'ALGOMA**

**Février est le mois de l'éducation inclusive!**  
**Concours Nous sommes meilleurs ensemble!**

Février est le mois de l'éducation inclusive. Les mesures de distanciation physique font en sorte qu'il est encore plus important que tous les élèves se sentent inclus en classe. En partenariat avec Intégration Communautaire de l'Ontario et son concours Nous sommes meilleurs ensemble, nous, d'Intégration Communautaire Algoma, tenons aussi un concours pour notre district.

1. Collage de photos, histoire ou poème (500 mots ou moins)
2. Comment votre école, votre classe ou votre programme parascolaire soutient-il l'inclusion des élèves avec des difficultés intellectuelles ou de développement?
3. Indiquer votre nom, année scolaire, nom du professeur et adresse courriel; en plus du nom et de l'adresse de votre école
4. Ouvert aux étudiants de la maternelle à la 12e année
5. Transmettre à : [contest@cla-algoma.org](mailto:contest@cla-algoma.org) en indiquant Nous sommes meilleurs ensemble à la ligne d'objet.
6. Date limite : 18 février 2022. Les gagnants seront annoncés le 25 février.

CLA se réserve le droit de publier les participations gagnantes en ligne ou en copie imprimée.



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## Ways to engage

**Social distancing has limited our physical interactions but our virtual exchanges can still happen. Check these out!**



**ABCD = Asset Based Community Development**  
**You're Virtually Invited - and Bring a Friend!**

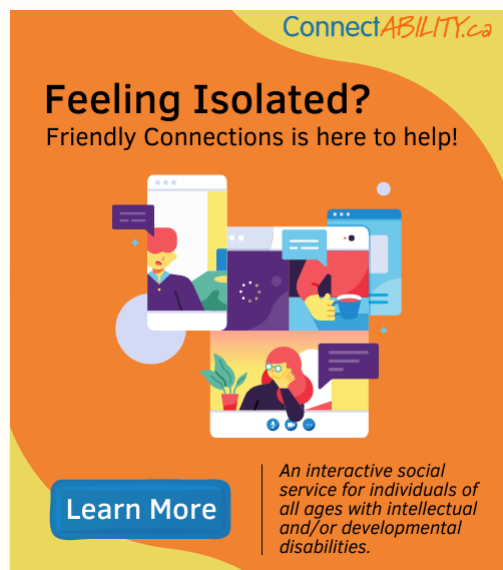
What if we gathered in a welcoming space, sharing ideas, and connecting, causing a ripple effect of change across the province? Want to feel inspired? Encouraged? And heard? Try out one conversation or come to them all. We meet from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

- Friday, February 18th
- Friday, March 18th

Click on the graphic for the Zoom link or copy and paste the link, below, to join on Zoom on the dates above:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89571461047>

## **Kids! Youth! Adults! Seniors!**



If you have an intellectual or developmental disability, this site has resources just for you! If you are the family member or a support person, we can also provide you with resources.

Find everything from activity sheets to information on behaviour, emotions and well-being. Learn how to tackle daily issues, plan your future and make new connections!

## **Spotlight on:**



**Adult transition planning for youth with a development disability:**

Click on the graphic for the link or copy and paste <https://connectability.ca/2018/04/25/becoming-an-adult-transition-planning-for-youth-with-a-developmental-disability/>



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Charles recently enjoyed breaking trail in his snowshoes in East Algoma.

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Are you a youth between 14-29 years of age? Are you a sibling of someone with a disability? If you answered "yes" to both questions, Community Living Ontario will be launching virtual meet-up sessions this spring. Stay tuned for more details.



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**Coming Soon!**

# Siblings:

**Citizens with a Cause**

*We're launching a series of virtual meet-up sessions, exclusively for youth advocates of a sibling with a disability*

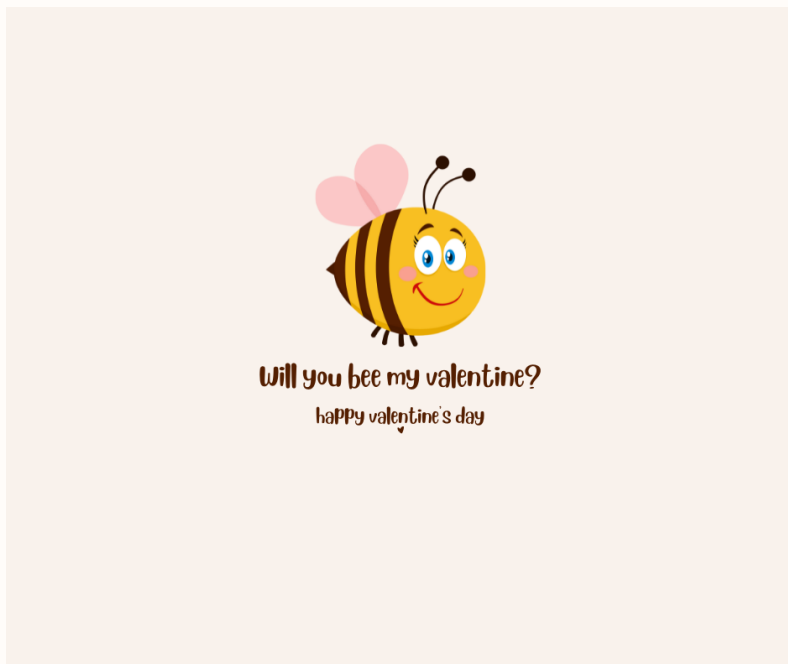
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## Taking Control: Economic Independence for women with disabilities

There are tools and resources available to women entrepreneurs with a disability looking to take control of their economic independence. PARO Centre for Women's Enterprise / PARO Centre pour l'Entreprise des Femmes, CCRW, DAWN (DisAbled Women's Network of Canada || Réseau d'Action des Femmes Handicapées du Canada), and the Discover Ability Network will share how they can offer support.

**Date: Tuesday, Feb. 1  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Please contact Elizabeth Novak @ ElizabethNovak@occ.ca if you require an accommodation. This session will have closed captions.

**Register Here**

or go to [www.ssmcoc.com](http://www.ssmcoc.com) for more info.

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