



Autism
Alliance of Canada

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Collective Impact

10th Annual Canadian Autism Leadership Summit

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Using this resource

Autism Alliance of Canada uses a **collective impact approach** to bring together Autistic people, caregivers, professionals, researchers, organizations, and institutions across Canada with the common goal of advancing equity on a systems-level.

This means we take principles of collaboration and build on them to:


- Coordinate efforts and pursue a range of strategies.
- Focus on impacts within communities and at a systems-level.
- Bring people with diverse viewpoints and skills together.

One way we use a collective impact approach is at the Canadian Autism Leadership Summit, where participants enact the following:

	Collective Impact	At the Summit...
Common Agenda	We develop a shared vision for change that acknowledges the differences between people.	We reaffirm our shared vision and strengthen our collective voice towards a Canada where Autistic people exercise their full rights and realize their full potential.
Shared Measurement	We use a common vocabulary to measure progress.	We give each other the tools and resources to measure our progress together. By making sure we are all well-informed, we are able to use shared accountability to grow further.
Mutually Reinforcing Activities	We empower people to work on projects aligned with their strengths.	We share and learn about the different things we are doing to advance our common agenda.
Continuous Communication	We connect with each other openly and often.	We communicate and connect with each other through storytelling and networking.
Backbone Support	We have a coordination hub to help support all our efforts.	We hold a space for all of us to address complex issues facing Autistic people and their families. This strengthens our community as a whole.

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Attending the Summit and becoming a member of Autism Alliance of Canada provides an opportunity for Autistic people, families, agencies, clinicians, researchers, service providers and policymakers to come together as a collective to get things done. We put differences aside and join a shared leadership movement with a single goal: **to make the necessary changes to ensure full Autistic participation and acceptance in Canadian society.** We invite you to [join us](#) in this mission.

About Autism Alliance of Canada

Autism Alliance of Canada is a pan-Canadian network that is composed of a diverse membership, including Autistic people, caregivers, clinicians, researchers, policy makers, and organizations across Canada.

We work together as a shared leadership movement to champion a National Autism Strategy that ensures Autistic people have equal rights and opportunities for full participation and acceptance in Canadian society. We harness the power of collective impact as an inclusive organization whose members, board of directors and staff reflect our commitment to Autistic participation in all aspects of our work.

About the Canadian Autism Leadership Summit

The Canadian Autism Leadership Summit (“Summit”) serves as a gathering for Autistic people, families, community leaders, decision-makers, and researchers to convene and deliberate on matters crucial to advancing a National Autism Strategy. By coming together, we amplify our voices and strengthen our impact.

Autism Alliance of Canada utilizes the Summit as a platform to drive progress on mutual goals, working towards a more inclusive Canada. Through the development of autism policies that embrace the diverse perspectives of Autistic people across Canada and their loved ones, we strive to create a space that values diversity and inclusion.

Fostering an inclusive atmosphere at the Summit is crucial because it brings together people from various backgrounds and abilities. We strive to create an environment where everyone feels respected and valued. By promoting inclusivity, we want to make sure that everyone feels heard and that diverse perspectives contribute to our collective efforts towards meaningful change.

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