

Lethbridge Family Services acknowledges National AccessAbility Week

Lethbridge. This May 30 – June 5, 2021, we celebrate National AccessAbility Week. As stated by the Council of Canadians with Disabilities, “an inclusive and accessible Canada reflects our greatest values as a nation.” www.ccdonline.ca

National AccessAbility Week (NAAW) is an opportunity:

- to celebrate the valuable contributions of Canadians with disabilities
- to recognize the efforts of individuals, communities and workplaces that are actively working to remove barriers to accessibility and inclusion

Canada.ca (2021) <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/campaigns/national-accessability-week.html>

Lethbridge Family Service’s Vision Statement “a connected and inclusive community where people thrive,” echoes this sentiment exactly. The LFS DaCapo Disability Services Department is continually working to ensure that people with disabilities have the same opportunities’ as everyone: the same benefits, income, aids, personal supports, and environmental accommodations, which, create a fulsome life. LFS is a leader in innovative practices and utilizes these approaches in the following areas: Community Access Services, Supported Employment Services, Cross-Disability Support Services, FASD Assessment and Diagnostic Services, Community Access for People in Continuing Care, and Community Living and Respite Services.

Focused on Accessible Design Principles, LFS North office, which houses the DaCapo Disability Services Department, offers our clients barrier free spaces like our renovated kitchens, new front automatic sliding doors, widened hallways, ceiling walking track, and access to our community garden.

According to Statistics Canada, 22 per cent of the Canadian population above the age of 15 – about 6.2 million individuals – have one or more disabilities. The November 2018 Canadian Survey on Disability Report goes on to say that approximately one in four Canadians aged 15 and older (or 7.8 million people) provided care to a family member or friend with a long-term health condition, a physical or mental disability, or problems related to aging. StatsCanada.ca (2018)

“DaCapo has been a part of LFS for 35 years and it has been an outstanding journey”, concludes Dianne Kotkas, Director, DaCapo Disability Services Department, Lethbridge Family Services. “We are proud to celebrate National AccessAbility Week”.

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