

## **Become An Affiliate Organization of Family Alliance Ontario**

Contact us if your family-directed group or network would like to be affiliated with FAO.

Our current affiliate networks are:

*Durham Family Network*

*Hamilton Family Network*

*Family Support Network  
(Newmarket)*

*Family Voice of Lanark County*

*Leeds and Grenville Family Network*

*Lifetime Networks Ottawa*

*London Family Network*

*Oxford Family Alliance Network*

*Sarnia Lambton Family Network*

*Toronto Family Network*

*Waterloo Region Family Network*

*Windsor Essex Family Network*

Each year we bring families from across Ontario to meet, listen to informative speakers and strategize for the future.

Our website provides up-to-date information on our activities and advocacy efforts and we are pleased to share news from across the province with other family groups.

In addition, we publish THE COMPASS news, highlighting many of the issues facing families and profiling success stories.

**We can make a difference by working together and welcome the support of your organization.**

*Family Alliance  
Ontario  
represents people  
with  
disabilities, their  
families and  
friends*



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**Strength In  
Affiliation**



**By working  
together, we can be  
a more effective  
force for improving  
the lives of people  
with disabilities and  
their families.**

## WHO WE ARE

- ◆ FAO represents thousands of families across Ontario who support a person with a developmental disability.
- ◆ We are a well-respected, family based, non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the family perspective and working towards positive social change.
- ◆ We came together in 1997 as a group of concerned family members who wanted different lives for our loved ones than those offered by traditional services.
- ◆ Our volunteer leaders participate on many advisory boards and committees at provincial and local levels to ensure that families are given options and choices.
- ◆ We represent the family voice at the MCSS Partnership Table in the ongoing Developmental Services Transformation process.
- ◆ We support a growing network of affiliated family-directed organizations so that together we become a stronger voice.



## Family Alliance

*Ontario*

## WE WANT TO WORK WITH YOUR ORGANIZATION

If your organization supports the Family Alliance Accord, then we should join together to speak with a stronger, louder voice.

Let us work together in every area where we share common ground. As affiliates, we can support each other's efforts to improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities.

Our mutual voices will be heard when we stand united to gain the attention of policy-makers and decision makers.

By supporting common goals we can build an effective force for change .... and help make a difference in the lives of many families.

**Speak with a united voice.  
Become an FAO affiliate.**

## OUR BELIEFS

- ◆ We believe that every child, regardless of ability, should grow up with families and enjoy lifelong, enduring relationships.
- ◆ We believe that families and individuals with disabilities must be included in all decisions regarding their lives, activities, supports and services.
- ◆ We believe that people with disabilities must have the choices, control and supports they need afforded by self-directed, individualized funding.
- ◆ We believe in inclusive education, inclusive lives in the community and the right of individuals to have the supports they need to live with dignity and respect.
- ◆ We believe that people with developmental disabilities must be recognized, welcomed and included as full citizens of Ontario and as vital members of community life.
- ◆ We believe that families and family networks play vital roles in effecting social change and together build strength, knowledge, competence and compassion and should be supported financially.

