

The community engagement department provides access to information, advocacy and other systems of support within the communities served by **posAbilities**.

*Information* Information and resources are provided to help facilitate life planning for the family unit. Examples include:

- workshops on personal or financial planning for relatives with a disability
- how to manage transitions to various school levels or into adulthood
- facilitating the creation of Representation Agreements,
- conducting basic research to help meet a family's support needs
- providing referrals to other services.

*Advocacy* We assist families with navigating bureaucratic systems, offer referrals to advocacy organizations, and connect them to community based supports. We may mobilize families to help improve programs and services for persons served.

*Support* A key function of the department is to help people "plug-in" to new or existing support networks, so that families can learn, share and connect with each other. This creates opportunities for families to develop their own self-sustaining support networks.

*Please note: there is no charge for using posAbilities' family support services.*

We also produce publications, update our web and social media sites, and participate in a wide variety of community events. Please visit [www.posAbilities.ca](http://www.posAbilities.ca) to learn about us, our upcoming events and to discover useful links.

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