

Questions and Answers

Q: Why is there an engagement on safety standards?

A: To provide an opportunity for Albertans with developmental disabilities and their families and guardians as well as other stakeholders to:

- Share their opinions on and experiences with safety in their homes and community; and
- Contribute to finding solutions that affirm the rights of Albertans with developmental disabilities to live with dignity and opportunity in the community while recognizing and respecting their need for safe, healthy and supported lives.

Q: How can I participate in the engagement?

A: You can attend any of the eight in-person “Community Conversation Forums”. You can also complete a questionnaire. Questionnaires are available on the website: humanservices.alberta.ca/pddconsultation. The questionnaire can be submitted online or printed and submitted by mail no later than March 14, 2016. Instructions about how to complete the questionnaire are on the website. Both the forums and questionnaire focus on the same topics so you will have the same opportunity to contribute even if you are unable to attend a forum.

Q: Who can attend the forums?

A: The forums are open to anyone who would like to attend but are intended for Albertans with developmental disabilities, their families and guardians and others involved in supporting their safety.

Q: Where can I find out information about the forums – how do I register?

A: The locations and times of each forum are listed on the website: humanservices.alberta.ca/pddconsultation. There is no fee to attend a forum. There is no pre-registration. Participants will be asked to register on site before they enter the forum.

Q: Will there be speakers at the forums?

A: There will not be any speakers. People can attend the forum at any time within the allotted timeframe and stay as long as they like. Rather than participate as audience members, people will be invited to rotate through discussion stations at their own pace and will be welcome to have conversations with members of the Consultation Team.

Q: What will be done with the feedback that is collected in phase 1 of the engagement?

A: The Consultation Team will submit a “What We Heard” summary report to the Minister of Human Services before March 31, 2016. The report will also be posted on the PDD Safety Standards consultation website and highlight key themes heard throughout the engagement and inform phase two of the engagement.

Q: How can I find out about the next phase of engagement?

A: Information about phase two of the engagement will be posted on the PDD Safety Standards consultation website following the completion of phase 1.