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## Our Accord



“The Individualized Funding Coalition for Ontario supports the self-determination of persons with disabilities.

We believe that all people should have control over decisions concerning:

- where they live,
- with whom they live,
- with whom they associate, and
- how they spend their lives.

In order to achieve this we recognize that Ontario must develop a system of funding whereby the person requiring assistance, supported as appropriate by family and/or significant others, has access to and control over the funds allocated for his/her supports.”

*In 1998, 'In Unison' was signed by the Provincial, Territorial & Federal Governments. It outlined the importance of participation, opportunities and portable supports for people with disabilities. IFCO agrees.*

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*In 2010, Canada ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Article 19 recognizes that: Persons with disabilities have the opportunity to choose their place of residence and where and with whom they live on an equal basis with others and are not obliged to live in a particular living arrangement; Persons with disabilities have access to a range of in-home, residential and other community support services, including personal assistance necessary to support living and inclusion in the community, and to prevent isolation or segregation from the community.*

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## Values Matter

We believe that the implementation of individualized planning, support, and funding for disability supports must be based on the intentional values of:

- citizenship,
- self-determination,
- relationships, and
- community



### We believe in:

**Individualized Funding** that is:

- individualized and personal
- an option for all people with disabilities
- direct and portable
- flexible and adaptable
- responsive and available
- accountable

**Disability support policy** based on:

- rights and dignity
- community capacity and inclusion
- freedom and choice
- information and self-determination
- personal relationships and contributions

**Independent Facilitation and Planning** that is:

- a viable option;
- grounded in values and
- sustainable as a real choice in Ontario.



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## Information & Membership Brochure

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# Individualized Funding Coalition for Ontario

*Moving  
Individualized Funding  
Forward  
in Ontario*



## Who are we?

**We are:**

- People with disabilities
- Families:
  - parents,
  - sisters,
  - brothers, and
  - grandparents
- Friends
- Advocates
- Facilitators
- Organizations
- Agencies



*... working together to make Individualized Funding more of a reality in Ontario - for every aspect of life.* This includes individualized funding to support meaningful contributions in neighbourhoods and communities and living in a home of one's choice.

Our full name is *Individualized Funding Coalition for Ontario* - but we are often called **IFCO**.

Check out our 'new' website:  
[www.individualizedfunding.ca](http://www.individualizedfunding.ca)

*What IFCO hopes for all: just an ordinary life*



## Why Join?



**Membership in the Individualized Funding Coalition for Ontario will:**

- **Strengthen your commitment** in the reality that people with disabilities can direct their lives (with help from family and friends when requested or needed).
- **Send a strong, credible message** that there are many people in Ontario who share this belief - a vision for supported decision making.
- **Offer you a voice** at meetings and/or by email giving you opportunities to share and discuss.
- **Provide you the opportunity to be part of collective efforts** to move individualized funding forward in Ontario as a support to an everyday ordinary life.
- **Keep you abreast** of our gatherings, latest work, government direction and possible actions to participate in.
- **Provide financial support** for ongoing work of the 'Coalition'.



## Membership Form

*"Membership in the Individualized Funding Coalition for Ontario means acceptance of the Accord printed on the back side of this panel."*

Please make cheque payable to the:

**"Individualized Funding Coalition for Ontario"**

Mail this membership form with your signature to:

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Organization:

Name

Address

City

Postal Code

Email

Phone

Fax

**Annual Membership Fees (Check appropriate category)**  
*Memberships begin Jan 1st each year, ending Dec. 31st*

- Individual/Family Membership \$ 25.00
- Organization UNDER \$1M annual budget \$ 75.00
- Organization with \$1-2M annual budget \$250.00
- Organization OVER \$2M annual budget \$500.00

*(People First groups, local Family Networks and individuals who cannot afford the fees can become a member at a reduced rate or through a bursary at no charge.)*

Signature

Date

**"My signature represents acceptance of the Accord as printed on the back of this Membership Form."**

*By signing above I also acknowledge that I am giving consent to receive electronic correspondence/email from IFCO. If I no longer want to receive emails I am aware that I can unsubscribe by email at any time.*

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