

ACTIVE AGING RESOURCE GROUP (AARG!)

The purpose of the Active Aging Resource Group (AARG!) is to provide leadership, support, and resources to the Developmental Disabilities Resource Centre of Calgary's (DDRC) staff, clients, families, support networks and the community regarding aging with a developmental disability.

OBJECTIVES:

Problem solving:

- Available to discuss/brainstorm specific issues as needed;
- Share information and resources with other service providers and community groups on issues related to aging and developmental disability;

Education:

- Identify and provide educational, informational workshops and training sessions to DDRC and community.

Resources:

- Compile and maintain general information related to DDRC's clientele.
- Assemble and maintain an Information Centre library (electronic and print) on topics relevant to aging and aging with a developmental disability.
- Create and maintain an information centre on the DDRC shared server, including AARG meeting minutes and agendas.

Advocacy:

- Advocate on behalf of clients, families, networks and community members on aging related topics, issues and situations as needed.
- Promote aging related topics and issues as needed.

COMPOSITION:

Currently comprised of DDRC staff from all departments with an interest in aging issues;

Future Development of AARG Committee to include others service providers, community groups, individuals with a developmental disability and family members.

PRINCIPLES and VALUES:

- Consistent with DDRC mission statement
- everyone belongs™
- Aging in place

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