



Election day is February 27



MARCH  
OF DIMES  
CANADA

## Questions to Ask Your Provincial Candidates Ontario Election 2025

- Will your party substantially increase Ontario Disability Support Program rates and ensure the Canada Disability Benefit is not clawed back in Ontario?
- What will your party do to support people with disabilities and the aging population remain **independent in their homes and communities**?
- How will your party support **employment inclusion** for people with disabilities?

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# Candidate Talking Points

You can refer to these points (and add your own) when candidates come to your door, and if you attend candidate debates.

## **Financial Security - I am asking you to:**

- Substantially increase Ontario Disability Support Program rates, and ensure that the Canada Disability Benefit, when implemented, isn't clawed back. Ontario is one of the few provinces left that hasn't committed to no clawbacks! Ontarians with disabilities must receive the full value of this new program.

## **Independence and aging in place - I am asking you to:**

- Increase funding to the Home and Vehicle Modification Program by \$10 million per year, so more seniors and people with disabilities remain in their homes and communities, and costs and demands on long-term care and the health care system are reduced.
- Develop housing supply that is affordable, accessible and / or adaptable.
- Increase access to community support services, and compensation for workers, by \$385 million.
- Modernize the Assistive Devices Program, improving processes to better meet rising demand and expanding the list of equipment considered medically essential. Seniors should be covered for 100 per cent of the costs of equipment essential to remaining independent and living with dignity.
- Support stroke survivors by investing \$1.2 million in March of Dimes Canada's After Stroke program to complement and enhance brain injury community support services.

## **Employment inclusion - I am asking you to:**

- Make it easier for people with disabilities to find employment by supporting employment agencies to help people find jobs, regardless of how many hours per week they can work. This way, everyone can have job options, including part-time, that suit their needs and abilities.

