

Facilitating Stakeholder Engagement through a Collective Impact Framework Model: Working Towards a National Autism Strategy



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1. Develop a common agenda (2007-present)

A **vision** where all Autistics have full and equal access to the resources they require to achieve their full potential.

The creation of the **Canadian ASD Alliance (CASDA)** in 2007, a non-for-profit organization working to support the development of a **National Autism Strategy**.

2. Foster an understanding of progress through shared measures (2014-present)

What are the gaps in services for Autistic children, youth, and adults from coast to coast?

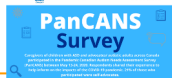
- **National Needs Assessment Survey** (2014)
- **Canadian Autism Partnership Project** (2015-2016)
- **Blueprint for a National Autism Strategy** (2019)
- **COVID-19 Data Coordination Project** (2020)

**READY
WILLING
& ABLE**

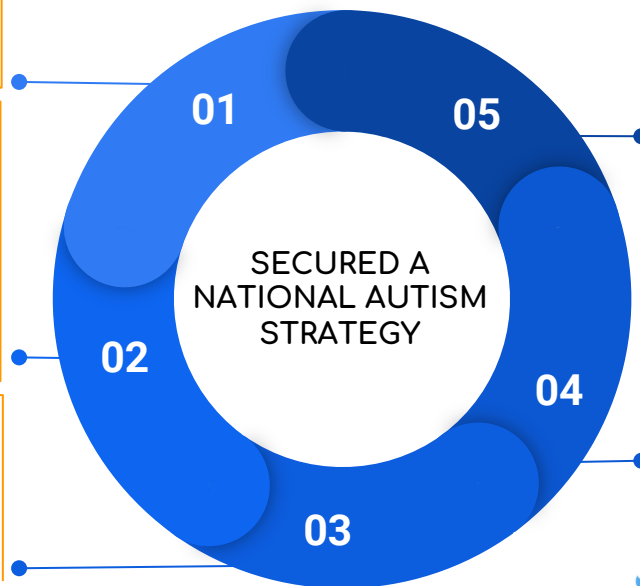
3. Facilitate mutually reinforcing activities (2014-present)

CASDA partners with various organizations on initiatives:

- **Ready, Willing, & Able** (2014-now)
- Research on unique needs of autism, policy opportunities, sector collaboration.
- **Pan-Canadian Autism Pandemic Needs Report** (2020)



USING A COLLECTIVE IMPACT APPROACH, WE ACCOMPLISHED THE FOLLOWING GOAL:



5. Lay the groundwork to move the work forward (2020-present)

On December 2019, the Federal government announced its commitment to a National Autism Strategy.

CASDA and Kids Brain Health Network (KBHN) partnered to develop **policy briefs** through an open call for public engagement and lived experience on the following issues:



1. **Access & Affordability**
2. **Employment**
3. **Governance & Research**
4. **Housing Information**

Recommendations will be delivered to the Federal government, and a second set of policy working groups will be engaged to create briefs on other areas (i.e. mental health).

Other upcoming CASDA actions:

- Create a **Learning Health System** to engage partners
- Create an **Equity Series**, a platform for first-voice Autistic people and stakeholders that experience intersectionality

4. Engage in continuous communications (2007-present)



- **Social media** updates, biweekly member newsletters and webinars: **@ASDalliance**
- Members of alliance involved in **committees**
- Annual Autism Leadership **Summits** (2009-present)

(Based on Kania & Kramer, 2011)