

Alberta Advocacy Priorities

The Alberta Advocacy Plan was developed based on issues important to our members. We listen to the concerns of our members while keeping tabs on the pulse of emerging provincial issues.

Alberta's Health Care System

As Alberta Health Services moves toward a decentralized structure and introduces a mix of public and private health service delivery, the implications for speech-language pathologists and audiologists are still evolving. SAC will actively monitor these developments, keep members informed, continue to highlight the diverse practice settings of our professions, and advocate to ensure the perspectives of our members are included in the implementation of these healthcare changes.



Increase Wraparound Services and Funding Mechanisms

SAC will advocate for robust funding and comprehensive support systems to ensure children in Alberta have uninterrupted access to communication health services. This includes maintaining and strengthening programs such as Program Unit Funding (PUF) and Family Support for Children with Disabilities (FSCD), while promoting wrap-around services that address all communication needs effectively.

Retention and Recruitment

SAC will continue to address provincial and federal developments in human health resources, with a focus on the systemic challenges impacting speech-language pathologists and audiologists. Advocacy efforts will highlight trends and issues contributing to workforce shortages, ensuring retention and recruitment efforts effectively support our professions.



Equitable Access

SAC will advocate for equitable access to speech-language pathology and audiology services across all stages of life. This includes engaging with decision-makers to address barriers that limit access and ensuring the essential services our members provide are available to everyone. SAC will also push for expanded public coverage for audiology services for Albertans without insurance, particularly children over six and seniors.

