

## Networking and Professional Development

The Career Development Association of Alberta (CDAA) encourages the exchange of information and services among individuals, groups, and organizations. Networking can be done formally or informally. CDAA provides a variety of ways for individuals and organizations to network.

- GAIN ACCESS to critical professional information related to: training, certification, research, development, practice and policy.
- Share your RESEARCH – members want to know what is new with career development research and how your work (local, national, international) is advancing the profession and influencing professional practice.
- Be a PRESENTER & PROMOTE SHARING
  - share research and promising / innovative practices. Present via webinar or at a professional development event.
- ATTEND the annual Alberta Career Development Conference.
- INSPIRE professionals and the profession – be part of a profession that takes its' knowledge base and practices seriously.
- CONTRIBUTE TO BUILDING the capacity of the career development field to influence, advocate, and offer excellence.
- JOIN one, or all, of CDAA's SOCIAL MEDIA groups (Facebook, LinkedIn, or Twitter).
- GROW your professional network and experience the benefits of personal growth and career development.

Professional Development includes all types of facilitated learning ranging from formal to informal opportunities situated in practice. Those who engage in professional development share a common purpose of enhancing their ability to do their work. At the heart of professional development is an individual's interest in lifelong learning and improving his/her skills.

**You can get involved in CDAA professional development opportunities by:**

- ACCESSING information on career development tools and resources in our members-only section of our website
- ATTENDING professional development events
- Becoming a MENTOR or MENTOREE
- ATTENDING the annual Alberta Career Development Conference
- PARTICIPATING in Social Media discussion groups
- LISTENING to and/or participating in webinars
- READING the monthly Community Connector and quarterly Career Momentum