

National Autism Strategy Key Points

We are demanding that the federal government immediately devise and implement a National Autism Strategy which features:

- Making autism part of Canada's Medicare;
- Establishing departments of Applied Behaviour Analysis at leading Canadian Universities as they already exist in numerous US educational institutions, to create opportunities for Canadian students to pursue university-level undergraduate and Masters degrees as well as PhDs in Applied Behaviour Analysis, thereby reducing our dependence on the US for senior-level experts in the field;
- Creating a regulatory body for the licensing, certifying and overseeing of professional Applied Behaviour Analysts, which would work closely with the already well-established, internationally recognized Behaviour Analysis Certification Board (www.BACB.com) in the United States;
- Recognizing these highly trained and educated, certified professionals as healthcare practitioners; and
- Providing easily accessible information about autism to family physicians, pediatricians and to the public at large so as to raise awareness about autism and to promote earlier diagnoses.