

### **ACT Government Budget Submission March 2023**

**1. ACT Down Syndrome calls for the ACT Government to provide substantial and ongoing funding for the:**

- **Implementation of the ACT Disability Strategy**
- **Development and implementation of the ACT Health Disability Strategy**
- **Development and implementation of the Inclusive Education Strategy for ACT Public Schools.**

ACT Down Syndrome is collaborating with the ACT Government to help create the above strategies. While this work is a vital step towards a more inclusive Canberra, the ACT Government must ensure that substantial funding is made available for the robust implementation of this work.

**2. ACT Down Syndrome calls for increased funding for mental health services for people with intellectual disability.**

Members of the community have expressed to us their ongoing concerns regarding the availability of good quality and affordable mental health care for people with intellectual disability. We ask that the ACT Government increase their financial investment in the mental health care of people with intellectual disability.

**3. ACT Down Syndrome calls for further funding to support domestic and family violence prevention services to ensure the safety of all people with disability and their families.**

Over recent months, ACT Down Syndrome has received increasing reports of family violence within the disability community. To ensure appropriate community and individual support, we call for an increase in funding to frontline domestic and family violence services.

#### ***ACT Down Syndrome's Vision and Mission***

*ACT Down Syndrome's vision is to lead the way in building an inclusive community for people with Down syndrome and other intellectual disabilities.*

*ACT Down Syndrome's mission is to work with individuals and families through lifelong engagement to enable people with intellectual disability to reach their full potential as active and contributing members of the Canberra community.*

*ACT Down Syndrome (ACTDSA) collaborates and builds relationships with business, government, and community organisations to create better outcomes for all of society.*

