

Consent for Service User Participation in the ADWA Certification Process

The Alberta Disability Workers Association looks at what individual disability workers know and how well they do their work. If we think staff are very skilled, we give them our stamp of approval by certifying them. It is like how Alberta Council of Disability Services accredit an agency by looking at how it is run and how well it supports people.

Your staff wants to become certified. Part of what they need is a reference from someone they give support to. We think the people we certify should be able to show that someone they help thinks they do a good job for them. Your worker wants to know if you will give that reference. Here is what will happen if you say yes:

Someone from ADWA will contact you by phone or e-mail, whichever you like best, and ask you 3 questions about this staff:*

1. How is your life better because of this person's help?
2. What does this person do that makes your life better?
3. What makes this person stand out?

You can add anything else you want to say about them, but these are the only things we need to know. There are no wrong answers and we are not looking for bad things about the person, so you cannot get in trouble for anything you say. We just want to know how you see it. We don't need to know any personal information about you and will keep what you say confidential.

It is OK to say NO to this request. You do not have to give a reason, and your staff will not be mad at you or sad about it. Your staff will just find someone else to do this instead.

If you want to do this, fill in the information below and your staff will send it to ADWA:

Print Your Name: _____ Your Signature: _____

Guardian Signature (if you have one): _____

Name of Staff wanting to be certified: _____

Relationship (pick one): I get support from this person

I am family and/or the guardian of the person who gets support

How to contact you (pick one): Phone Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Date: _____

**Note: if you are family or a guardian, you would answer these questions with regard to how the person's help makes the individual with disabilities' life better.*