



Dis·Abled Women's
Network

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

- 18% of all women are disabled.
- disabled girls are twice as likely to be sexually assaulted.
- disabled women are more likely to be the victims of violence.
- support and services for disabled mothers are almost totally inaccessible.
- most women's services are totally inaccessible to all types of disabled women.
- the unemployment rate for women with disabilities is 74%.
- when men become disabled 50% of marriages break up; for disabled women that figure is 99%.
- the most inescapable reality for women with disabilities is poverty. In general, women earn 60% of men's wages; working women with disabilities earn 64% of the wages of non-disabled women.
- there is an organization of disabled women banded together to address these very issues and others pertinent to our lives.

A new era has begun! We will no longer accept the old stereotype of passive and dependent burdens on society!

WHO ARE WE?

DAWN is the DisAbled Women's Network, a national organization controlled by and comprised of disabled women. DAWN Toronto is a local chapter. We are from all backgrounds and all disabilities, disabled and non-disabled. We are a feminist organization (a member of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women) supporting disabled women in their struggles to control their own lives.

OUR GOALS

- to make women's services and the women's movement accessible to all disabled women.
- to be a bridge between the disabled consumer movement and the women's movement.
- to be role models for disabled girls.
- to address the issues of affirmative action, poverty, violence, parenting, sexuality, health, etc.
- to do outreach to all disabled women, including native women, black women, Asian women, south Asian women, and other women of colour, immigrant women, lesbians, women in institutions and single parents.
- to work in coalition with others who share our concern for social justice.
- to provide information on disabled women and our concerns.
- to be the voice of disabled women.

JOIN US!

DAWN Toronto meets monthly. Please call 694-8888 (Pat) for meeting times and places or more information. Our meeting space is wheelchair accessible. If you require sign language interpretation, attendant care or have other special needs, please call at least one week in advance.

SMOKE FREE MEETINGS.

We provide speakers, consultants and do workshops with advance notice.

We need volunteers. Donate time, supplies or funds. We are a non-profit organization.



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JOIN THE DISABLED WOMEN'S NETWORK — DAWN Toronto NOW!!!

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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO.: _____ **I wish to get info in print** _____

on tape _____

Individual Membership \$5.00/yr. _____ **Donation only** _____

Nature of disability _____

