

Objectives

The Federation's main goal is to make long term improvements, in the areas of education and employment in the lives of disabled adults that reside in northern Saskatchewan.

- To identify and create awareness of the special needs of northern people with a disability.
- To liaise with government and non-government agencies regarding service provision and enhancement for northerners with disabilities.
- To facilitate the establishment of a peer support network among people with disabilities.
- To promote the establishment of self-help groups in local communities to effect community action.
- To expand opportunities for disabled persons to achieve vocational skills and job training.



Services

- Wage Subsidy support to employers for persons with disabilities to receive Training On-the-Job
- Disability-related costs in a wide variety of post-secondary education and training programs
- Work Assessments & Job Coaching
- Vocational and Psycho-educational Assessments
- Information and Referral
- Life Skills and Job Readiness Training
- Group support and development
- Referral agency for the Workforce Development Program
- SAID and DISC support

Membership

Regular membership in the Federation is open to northern persons with a disability upon registration.

Regular members have the right to nominate, hold office and vote.

History

In 1989, Gary Tinker, a resident of Pinehouse with cerebral palsy completed a 650-kilometer walk on crutches from La Ronge to Regina. Gary undertook this walk to raise awareness of the needs of people with disabilities in northern Saskatchewan. In November of 1989, a steering committee was set up, which included representatives from Northern Affairs Secretariat, Saskatchewan Education Training and Employment and Human Resources Development Canada. These agencies along with Gary Tinker and other concerned persons and representatives from the disabled community established the Gary Tinker Federation for the Disabled Inc.



Structure

The Gary Tinker Federation is governed by a Board of Directors representative of the four geographical regions of the Northern Administration District of Saskatchewan.

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Funding Sources

- Can-Sask Career and Employment Services
- Workforce Development Program
- Service Canada (Opportunities Fund)

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