

# CONNECTING YOU TO PLAY: JOOAY

## Jooay App Monthly Newsletter

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### ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Jooay newsletter! Jooay is a free mobile and web app (<https://jooay.com/>) that helps children with disabilities and their families locate leisure opportunities that are close to where they live; accessible and inclusive; suit their needs and abilities; match their preferences; and can help them develop and participate in society.

Stay tuned for monthly updates on adapted leisure events and opportunities, as well as updates related to the Jooay App and our community. Let's help children get more involved in leisure together!

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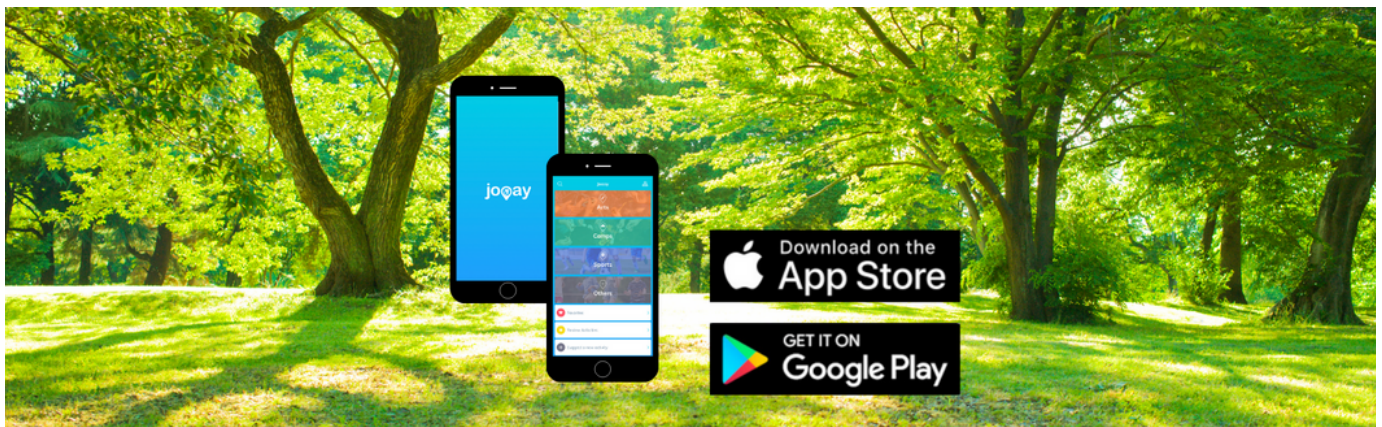
### ACTIVITIES

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#### 1. Active Energizers!

Check out this new inclusive 6-week program in **Calgary** from the Repsol Sport Centre, which starts in January 15th 2022. Featured sports range from basketball to wheelchair fencing for kids ages 5 to 12!

**Register here:**  
**[Active Energizers](#)**



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## 2. e-Buddies

e-Buddies harnesses the tremendous power of friendship by connecting people with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities through a virtual space. e-Buddies empowers participants through friendship; enabling educational conversations, understanding amongst peers, celebrating diversity and community-building.



**Register here:**

**[e-Buddies](#)**

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## 3. Calgary Adapted Hub

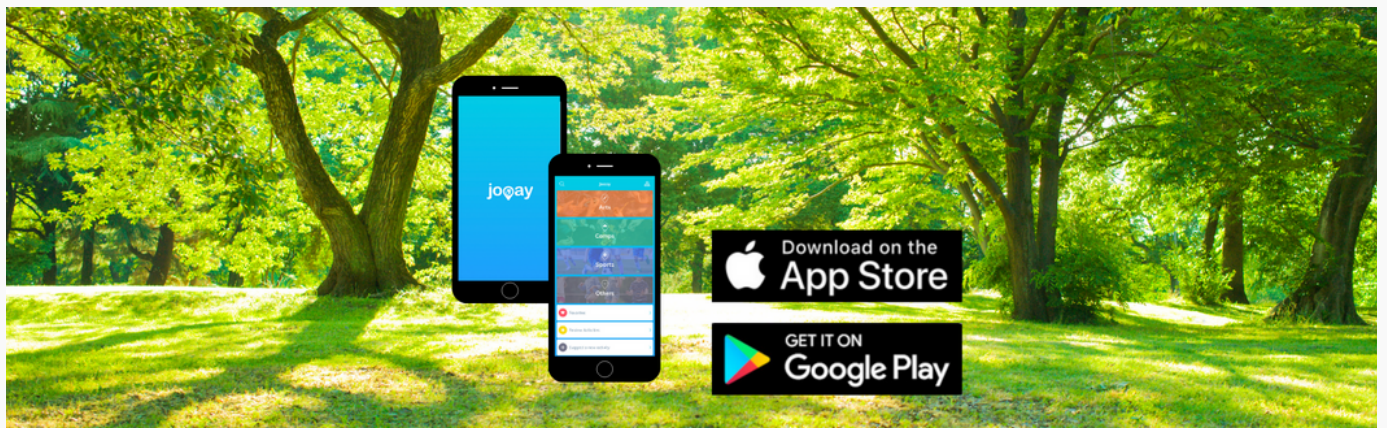
Calgary Adapted Hub powered by Jumpstart connects children, youth, and families living with disabilities with inclusive and accessible sport and recreation programming in the city of Calgary. Whether you're looking for recreational, developmental, or high performance adapted sport opportunities, you'll find them here.



**Register here:**

**[Calgary Adapted Hub](#)**

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## 4. SWAM Montreal

SWAM's (Swimming With A Mission) mission is to provide swimming lessons specifically adapted to children with special needs in Montreal. SWAM offers one-on-one swimming instruction at a very affordable price. Classes begin in January 2022!

**Register here:**  
**SWAM Montreal**

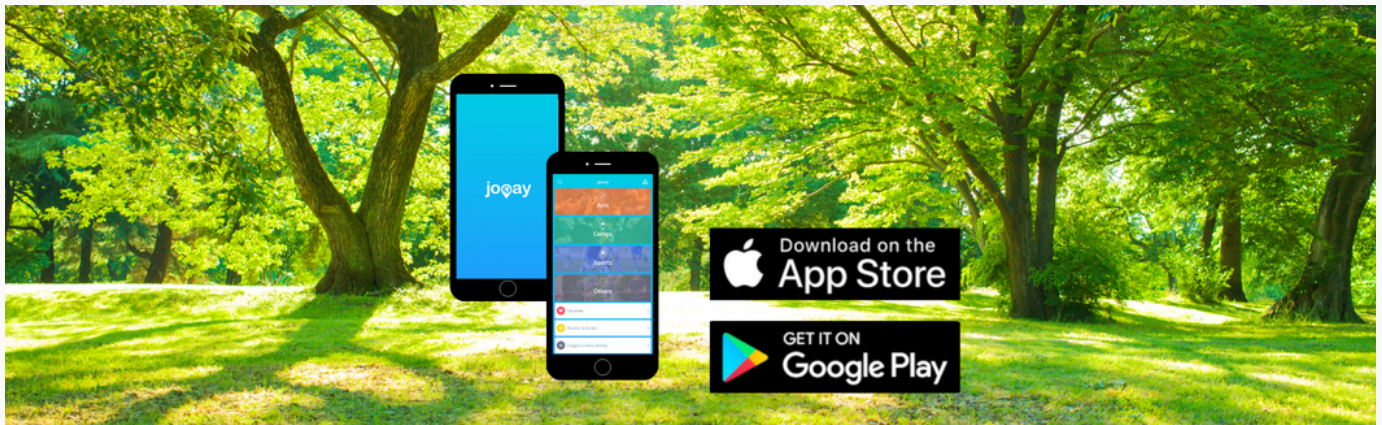


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## 5. Earth Rangers

Project 2050 from the Earth Rangers provides a fun and easy way for children and their families to contribute to the fight against climate change and help Canada achieve its goal of reaching net-zero emissions by 2050! Children log their climate-friendly habits, track goal progress and earn meaningful rewards as milestones are reached. Access Project 2050 and the Earth Rangers App through the link below.

**Register here:**  
**Earth Rangers**



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## 6. Ability Online

Ability Online is a virtual platform for young people with disabilities to connect to each other and the world around them. They offer supportive online community for kids, teens & young adults with all kinds of disabilities or health challenges. They provide a safe space for peers, role models and mentors to connect, and much more. Membership is free!



**Register here:**  
**[Ability Online](#)**

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## 7. Jumpstart

Jumpstart helps kids overcome financial and accessibility barriers to sport and recreation in an effort to provide inclusive play for kids of all abilities. Be sure to check out their Individual Child Grants, Para Sport Jumpstart Fund and their Inclusive Play initiative where they work with municipalities to create inclusive play spaces.



**Check here:**  
**[Jumpstart](#)**

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## JOOAY APP UPDATES

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**WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE RELEASE OF  
THE UPGRADED IOS VERSION OF THE JOOAY APP!**

**DOWNLOAD IT TODAY ON THE APP STORE &  
DISCOVER OUR NEW FEATURES.**

**BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE 'ONLINE' ACTIVITIES  
TAB!**



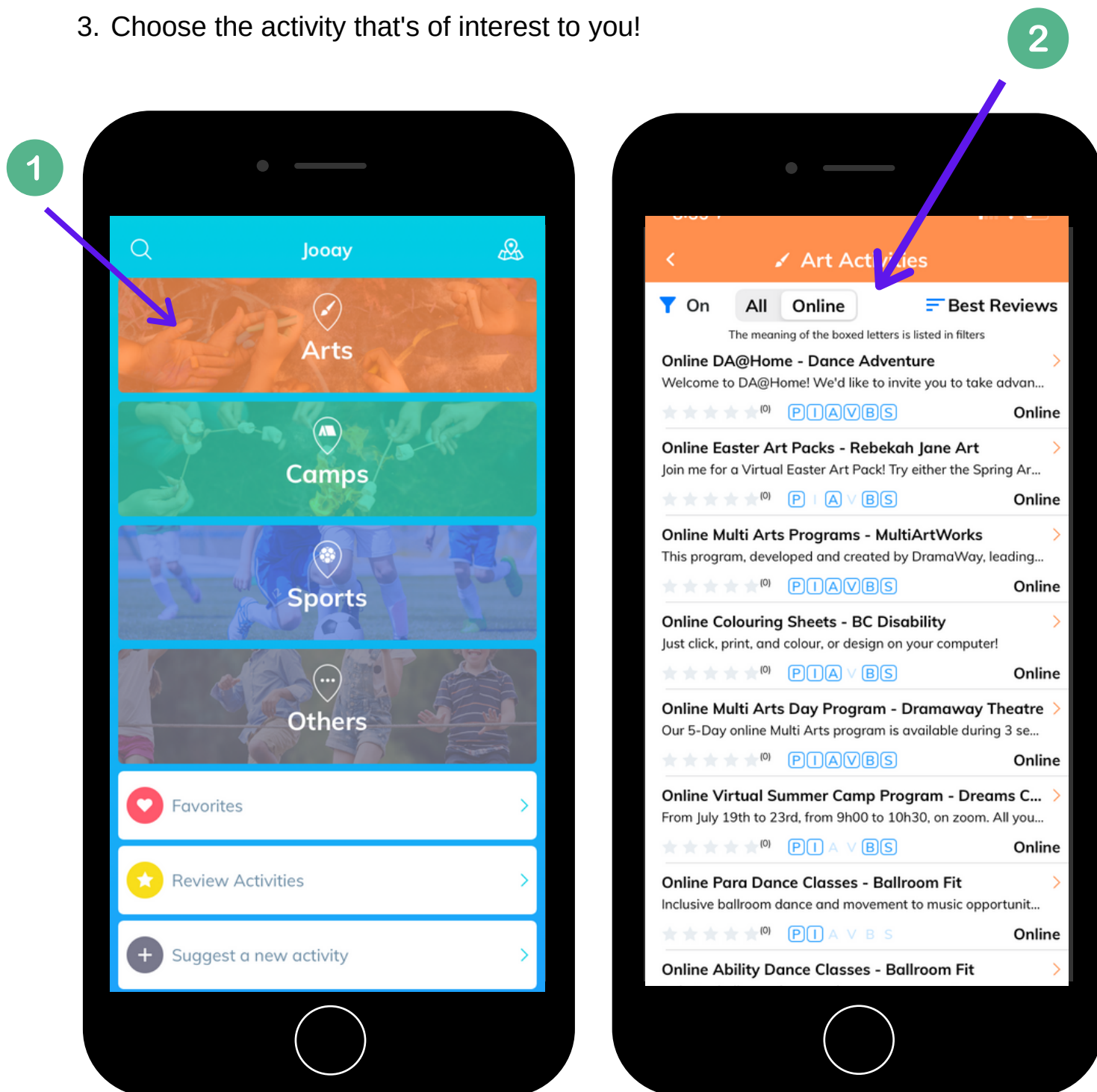
# LAUNCHING AN UPGRADED iOS VERSION OF THE JOOAY APP

## HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF THE JOOAY APP?

### Tip #1: SEARCHING FOR ONLINE ACTIVITIES

When viewing an activity in the Jooay app ...

1. Select an option among the activity' categories
2. Select the 'Online' Tab to have access to virtual activities
3. Choose the activity that's of interest to you!



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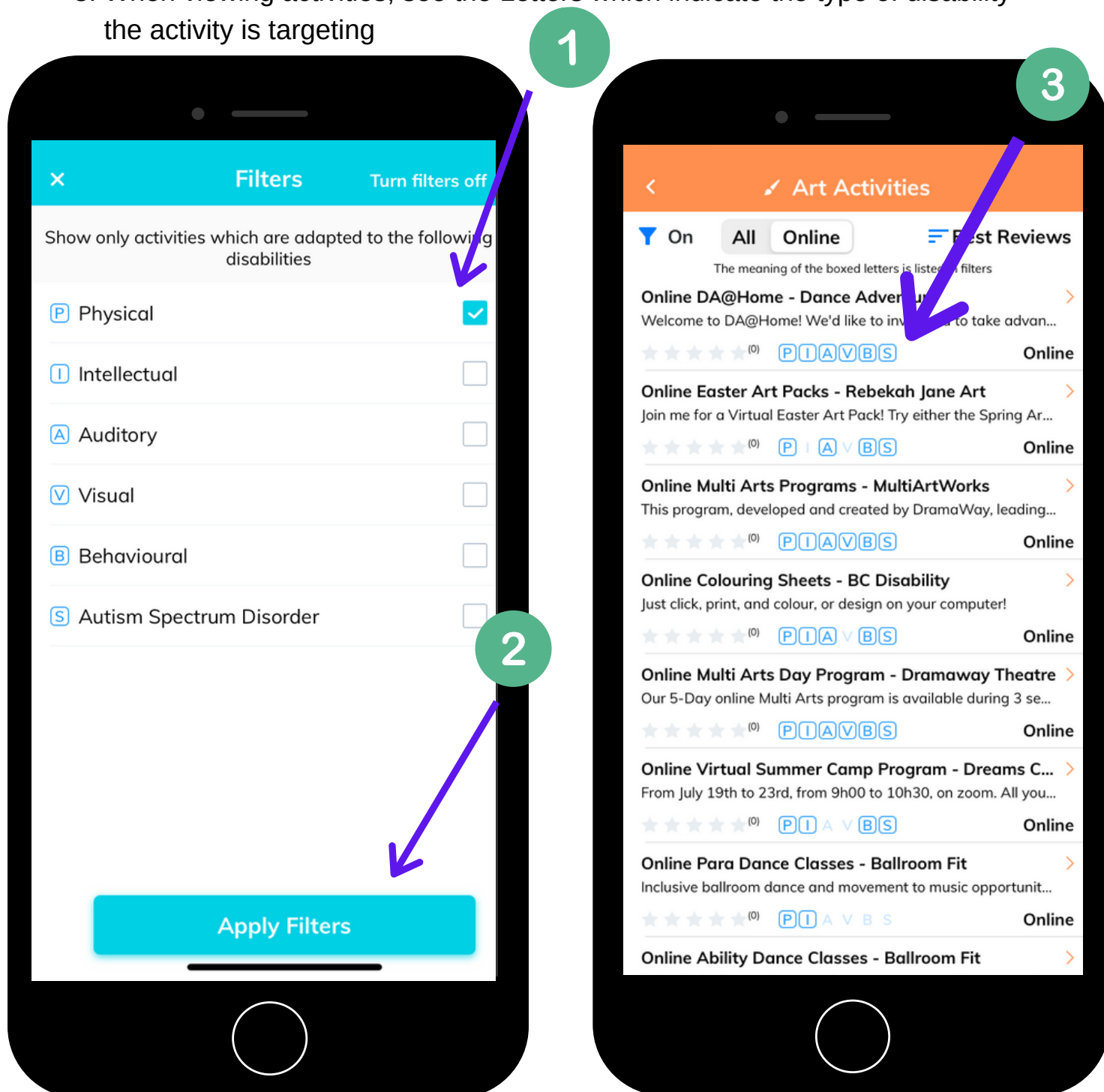
#### Tip #2: SEARCHING FOR THE TYPE OF SPECIAL NEED

When viewing an activity in the Jooay app ...

1. Select the filter of your choice
2. Click on "Apply Filters"

OR

3. When viewing activities, see the Letters which indicate the type of disability the activity is targeting

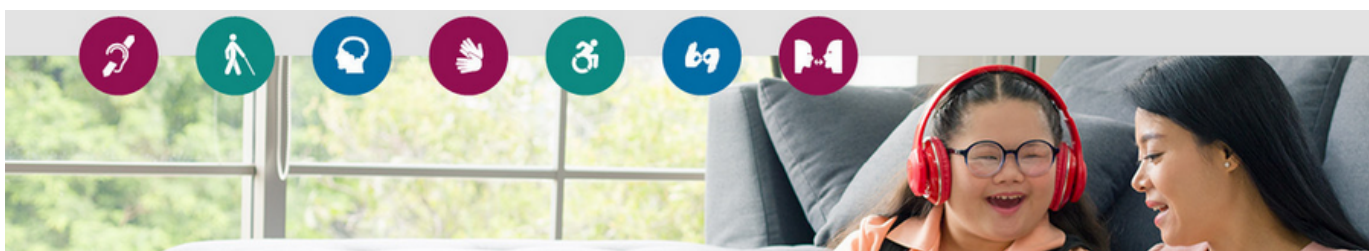


# JOOAY COMMUNITY

## International Day of Persons with Disabilities

*In case you missed it!*

This year's International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the Government of Canada "highlighted the important contributions Canadians with disabilities make in our communities and workplaces every day; and the ongoing work we do to promote inclusion; and accessibility, and how—together—we can truly achieve it. This year's United Nations theme reflects the commitment of the Government of Canada to build back better while leaving no one behind. This includes a disability-inclusive approach to our pandemic responses, and our work to create the first Disability Inclusion Action Plan". Be sure to check out what the Action Plan includes and the message from Minister Qualtrough [here](#)!



**If you have any suggestions for our newsletter please let us know!**

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