



**Policy Wise**  
for Children & Families

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### ***Supporting Wise Decisions***

*Improve the well-being of children, families, and communities by developing and integrating evidence to inform, identify, and promote effective public policy and service delivery for Albertans.*

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## **A message from our President & CEO**

*Happy Easter from all of us at PolicyWise! We hope everyone was able to enjoy time with family and friends over the long weekend.*

*Early this year, PolicyWise partnered with the Alberta Nonprofit Network (ABNN), and coordinated two workshops (in Calgary and Edmonton) to discuss what a policy agenda could look like for the Alberta non-profit sector. Representatives from 49 organizations discussed the sector's strengths and challenges and key initiatives worth pursuing. Thank you to everyone who contributed to these sessions. The outcomes from these meetings are available on ABNN's website [here](#). We look forward to our continued work with our ABNN partners in planning for the future of Alberta nonprofits.*

*With spring comes many changes and with the Alberta election behind us, we want to ensure our partners and stakeholders that our mandate remains the same - PolicyWise exists to improve the well-being of children, families, and communities through evidence-informed policy and practice. We will continue to promote our vision and work with existing and new partners in this journey.*

*We hope everyone is having a happy and healthy 2019!*

*- Robyn Blackadar*



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## Alberta Nonprofit Network

ABNN brings together organizations of all sizes and scopes to collectively address provincial-wide issues. Join us in our efforts to strengthen our sector! Visit <https://albertanonprofits.ca/> and sign up for their newsletter.



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## What's new?

- On International Women's Day, our former Scientific Director, Dr. Suzanne Tough, was recognized by the [UN Women Global Innovation Coalition for Change \(GICC\)](#) for her leading innovations with the All Our Families Cohort. Congratulations, Dr. Tough!
- We're pleased to note that PolicyWise was featured in the latest report by the Mowat Centre, [Committing to Action](#). "PolicyWise is a compelling example of an intermediary organization that takes a hands-on approach to supporting the sector's work with evidence."



Committing to Action  
Next Steps for Canada's Evidence Ecosystem

## Data to Action Day

On February 5, PolicyWise, in partnership with ABNN, hosted the first Data to Action Day event in Edmonton. Visit our [website](#) to learn about the outcomes from the day's activities. We will be hosting another Data to Action event in Calgary soon. More information to follow!



## Upcoming event

*Date to remember:*

**May 15: International Day of Families**

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