



Our mission is to promote and enhance the emotional and mental well-being of individuals with facial differences and their families through social and peer support, information, educational programs, and public awareness.

### Facial Difference

Anyone whose appearance, from the neck and above, has been affected by a congenital, acquired, or episodic condition or syndrome.



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### Types

- **Congenital:** A Congenital facial difference is a condition that is present at birth.
- **Acquired:** An Acquired facial difference is a difference you weren't born with; something that could be the result of a disease, condition, accident or other traumatic event.
- **Episodic:** An Episodic facial difference is a difference that presents itself intermittently. This includes differences that can go into remission.

### Causes

There is a wide array of facial differences, with causes equally varied.

- Some causes include:
- Syndrome/Condition/Disease
  - Accident/Trauma
  - Other external factors

## Impact on the Patient's Quality of Life

A facial difference can often create barriers to:

- Communication
- Socialization
- Education
- Employment
- Aspirations

## Programming

More than two million Canadians live with a facial difference.

Programming for Children, Adults and Families:

- Camp Trailblazers (8-17yrs)
- Family Camp
- Adult Retreat (18+)
- Mindfulness Training
- Peer-to-Peer Programming
- And MORE!!

