

Name: Matthew Corkum, PhD

Title: Walk a Mile in my Shaky Shoes - How Health Care Professionals Can Tap Into the Ability in disABILITY

Passionate, full of animation and energy as a speaker, Matthew never backs down from difficult topics. He has always pushed the limits through his life to prosper in a wide range of environments, regardless of living with spastic cerebral palsy.

Matthew achieved a PhD in atmospheric science and now works as head meteorologist for an energy trading company in Calgary. He not only knows how to track the weather, he knows what it is like to be excluded, bullied, and discriminated against. He is a Director of Rocky Mountain Adaptive and on the Community Advisory member of Calgary Adaptive hub and past member of the City of Calgary's Advisory Committee on Accessibility. He was chosen in 2023 as one of Calgary's Top 40 under 40 by Avenue Magazine for his advocacy and speaking on inclusion of those with disabilities. His contagious smile and one-line jokes often lighten the mood as he tells stories his new hobby; downhill skiing and can't get enough powder in the mountains of Alberta and BC.

He is passionate about inclusion of those with disabilities and thinks stories from patients can improve the way those with disabilities receive care in our medical system.

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