

## UPDATE JANUARY 2007

HAPPY NEW YEAR OPADD!

### REGIONAL CO-CHAIR TRAINING PROCEEDINGS

All Presentations, Handouts and PowerPoint Presentations have been posted to the OPADD website. You can access these by going to the opadd home page, then to the Quick Links on the right hand side, then to the partner updates section and clicking on the link to "Proceedings from Co-Chair Training." You will have to scroll down through the entire set of documents to find each one. We are working on an easier format so you can find each one via a table of contents.

### LOCAL PROJECTS

We are now building an inventory of local projects, new models of cross sector service delivery, protocols and policies. If you are part of a project, have developed a policy or protocol or are aware of a cross sector initiative, please send us the information. We will build the inventory with a brief description and who to contact for more information. This will allow people to learn from others across Ontario and support broader dissemination of new ideas and best practices related to aging and developmental disabilities. Send info to [aamore@opadd.on.ca](mailto:aamore@opadd.on.ca)

### REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

Southwest - workshop re-scheduled to May 16 2007; to be held near London.

### OPADD GUIDE ON ACCESSING SENIORS COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Copies of the Guide in CD ROM format are available for \$12.00, which covers the cost of publication and distribution. The Access Guide provides an excellent resource for front line staff working in either sector as well as adults with a developmental disability who have some computer literacy. Multiple copies can be purchased at a reduced rate.

### CANADIAN CONSENSUS PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE OF ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

The Canadian Guidelines provide an evidence-based approach to addressing the health care needs of adults with a developmental disability. The implementation of these guidelines will improve the health of adults with developmental disabilities and minimize disparities in health and health care. Practitioners in health care and developmental services are currently receiving training in the use of the guidelines. We are working on obtaining a copy of the guidelines and related resource materials for posting to the opadd website or information on how you can obtain a copy directly.