



AGING AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PROJECT

That older adults with a developmental disability have the same rights to support and services as all older Ontarians

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NEXT OPADD MEETING

12 Noon Friday October 12 2007 in the Training Room at Reena.
Elizabeth Estevez of the Seniors Secretariat will be presenting.

MOVING FORWARD – TOGETHER

Surgeons are learning from jet pilots about how to communicate more effectively in the operating room. Researchers and policy makers in some jurisdictions are forging new links to enable better dissemination and application of research results to social policy. New knowledge is being created and challenges are being met through sharing of information and resources.

The OPADD experience of working in a cross sector partnership has contributed to improved planning capacity and better support for older adults with a developmental disability. Many service providers are witnessing improved outcomes for those they serve. However, there are many organizations that remain on the sidelines because they have not yet connected to regional committees or local projects. Others are reluctant to enter into a process that presents new challenges on the road to inclusion. OPADD members everywhere are reminded to reach out to colleagues: share what is being learned; encourage others to become involved.

LOCAL PROJECTS – CALL FOR INFORMATION

Sharing information is a key OPADD strategy. Please send a brief description of local projects to aamore@reena.org so we can post them to the OPADD website. Others can learn from what you have done. Your description can be brief. Bullet points are fine. Also include a contact person who can be reached for more information.

NORTHEAST REGION - BUILDING CAPACITY

The Sudbury Regional Hospital is a key player in strengthening system capacity. The hospital has been active in building a seamless delivery system for older adults, people with mental health problems and people with disabilities. The Northeast regional committee has been invited to attend a meeting this fall to share OPADD's work and explore opportunities for cooperation.

FOLLOW-UP WORKSHOPS

Three OPADD regions have yet to hold their follow-up workshop: Northeast; Ottawa/Champlain; South Central. Once these workshops have been completed this fall, OPADD will be poised to move forward on developing a discussion paper on what we have learned and accomplished and what remains to be done. We will also be commencing an evaluation study of the project.

GUIDE TO PERSONAL CARE AND PROPERTY

The final draft is being prepared. Watch for the guide later this fall.