



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

## UPDATE AUGUST 2008

### OPADD MEETING WITH MINISTRIES

OPADD CO-Chairs Margaret Ringland and Sandy Keshsen met with representatives of MCSS, MOHLTC and Seniors Secretariat in July to explore support for the provincial symposium; sustainability of a cross-ministry process to identify and address cross-sector issues and policy barriers, and how to support consistent communication across MCSS regional offices, LHINS and CCACs related to the DD population and services. Dialogue on these items will continue.

### U-FIRST! UPDATES

OPADD facilitators who have taken the orientation training to deliver U-First! education sessions can order supplies from the U-First! division of the Ontario Community Support Association (OCSA) through Borika Babic, [borka.babic@ocsa.on.ca](mailto:borka.babic@ocsa.on.ca)

An order form is available on the U-First! website at [http://www.u-first.ca/pdfs/UFirst\\_Order\\_Form.pdf](http://www.u-first.ca/pdfs/UFirst_Order_Form.pdf)

Me and U-First! - a free 8 module caregivers course about Alzheimer Disease for PSWs and family is available online. Find more information at [http://www.capacitybuilders.ca/new\\_website/workshops/workshop\\_online\\_me\\_and\\_ufirst.htm](http://www.capacitybuilders.ca/new_website/workshops/workshop_online_me_and_ufirst.htm)

### SHRTN - OPADD - AGING AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

The OPADD work plan for our activity as a SHRTN Community of Practice (CoP) is being developed over the summer. The draft work plan will be presented to the Collaborative for review and forwarded to the September meeting of the OPADD provincial table.

### TRANSITION PLANNING BLUEPRINT

The data received is being tabulated and will be released to the Blueprint Task Group in August. We did not receive additional replies from LTC agencies despite several requests to specific contacts. The project requires additional LTC input. If you are a LTC agency or know of one that could complete the questionnaire, please let Ron know at [ronc@opadd.on.ca](mailto:ronc@opadd.on.ca). The development of the Transition Planning Blueprint will be incorporated into the OPADD SHRTN work plan.

### PROVINCIAL SYMPOSIUM

The OPADD Symposium is being planned for March 2009. Information for a preliminary budget is being assembled. The Symposium Task Group will be called together in September.

### REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

Planning is well underway. Watch for confirmation of autumn dates and locations for regional workshops in the Northeast, Toronto and Southwest (Wellington County). South Central has not yet confirmed a timetable for delivering their follow-up workshop.

### OPADD MEETING SCHEDULE

Friday September 26 2008 - presentation by our SHRTN Community of Practice (CoP) librarian, Lindsay Ogilvie and knowledge broker, Liz Lusk.

Friday November 21 2008.

Friday January 30 2009.