

UPDATE DECEMBER 2005

OPADD PARTNERS RECEIVE FUNDING FOR CROSS SECTOR PROJECTS

A number of OPADD partners across Ontario have been successful in their requests for funding. Some of the projects supported by the Ministry of Community and Social Services Innovation Fund include:

- Support to the development of a cross sector process in the Toronto Region.
- Citizenship: Aging and Developmental Disability in Hamilton/Niagara/Halton/Peel Region.
- Establishment of eight focus groups across Central East to identify cross sector issues.
- Access to U-First! training by developmental service providers through a train the trainer model. Sessions will include both long term care and developmental services staff.
- Development of a guide in CD ROM format to support access by older adults with developmental disabilities to seniors day programs and centres.

The Southeast Region has received funding from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to support their two day workshop. A major component of the event will be development of strategy to establish a cross sector regional planning process.

WELCOME TO SUDBURY DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Sudbury Developmental Services has agreed to become the lead organization in the Northeast to establish a cross sector partnership. The Sudbury agency had already completed a strategic planning exercise to respond to the aging population they support. Their strategy included delivery of a workshop in the north and development of a proposal to support older adults with developmental disabilities. They will be broadening their workshop planning committee to encompass representation from both sectors.

REGIONS BUSY SCHEDULING WORKSHOPS

A number of regions have established dates for their workshops:

- Northwest - March 30 and 31 2006
- Southeast - February or March 2006
- Ottawa/Champlain - May 16 2006
- Central East - September 2006
- Northeast - September 28 and 29 2006

JANUARY OPADD LETTER TO PROVIDE TIPS ON WORKSHOP PLANNING

Interviews with those involved in previous successful workshops will appear in the January edition of the OPADD Letter. Tips on successful workshop planning will be featured.