



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

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## UPDATE DECEMBER 2007

### NEW ADMIN ASSISTANT

The recruitment for a new project Admin Assistant has been completed. An announcement will be forthcoming as soon as hiring is completed.

### NEXT OPADD MEETING

**11:45 AM Friday January 11 2008.** Robin Hurst of the Seniors Health Research Network (SHRTN) will be attending to bring us up to date on the activities and direction of the network. For more info on SHRTN do a search using "SHRTN" in your web browser.

### SOUTH CENTRAL REGION - NIAGARA MOVES FORWARD

The Niagara Region, situated within the OPADD South Central Region has been moving forward with its strategy to build partnership between the DS and LTC sectors. Last winter the Niagara planning group hosted a workshop for people in the DS sector to learn more about aging and developmental disabilities. This November a second workshop is being hosted to bring LTC caregivers together. These workshops provide learning opportunities and opportunity to dialogue. A third workshop is being planned for February 2008 to bring DS and LTC players together in partnership.

### NORTHEAST EXPANDING REPRESENTATION

Following its meeting with the Sudbury Regional LTC Committee, the Northeast Committee on Aging and Developmental Disabilities has enlarged its membership to include additional representation from the long term care sector as well as from the North Bay Association for Community Living. This brings new perspective to the work ahead. Northeast is planning its follow-up workshop for 2008.

The North Bay and District ACL as well as developmental service agencies in the surrounding area have expressed an interest in learning more about the work of OPADD. These agencies are experiencing the pressures related to an aging clientele and want to know more about aging and developmental disabilities.

### SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING

A report on sustainability, now being prepared, will analyse input from the regions and sustainability discussions of the Collaborative Committee. The document will present options for moving forward after the exhaustion of project funding March 31 2009. The report will be reviewed by the Collaborative Committee at their December meeting. More information to follow.

### FACILITY CLOSURES

This information about progress in facilities closures was shared at the October 12 OPADD meeting:

- South Western Regional Centre - placed 174 - remaining 90.
- Rideau Regional Centre - placed 168 - remaining 228
- Huronia Regional Centre - placed 191 - remaining 129.
- Provincially - 2% of all those who have moved from facilities have moved to a LTC Home.