



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

## UPDATE JULY 2007

### NEXT OPADD MEETING

12 Noon Friday October 12 2006 in the Training Room at Reena.

### NORTHEAST REGION PARTICIPATES IN CROSS SECTOR PLANNING DAY

A committee representing service providers and planners in healthcare, mental health, developmental disabilities and long term care delivered a day long planning workshop in Sudbury on June 19. The focus of the day was twofold: 1.) To create a document that describes a cross sector model of care; 2.) To develop a focused broad-based consensus on service needs for submission to the LHIN. The information generated from the workshop will be tied into the LHIN's current examination of alternative levels of care. The workshop was the culmination of a process that included engagement of physicians and a literature review in the pursuit to build cross sector capacity.

### SOUTHWEST WORKSHOP EVALUATION

Participants identified several significant outcomes of the workshop. Their top three are: 1.) Building cross sector relationships; 2.) Acquiring information on aging and developmental disabilities; 3.) Developing and encouraging practical examples of cross sector activity.

### SUSTAINABILITY - MOVING FORWARD

Thank-you to Northeast, Southwest, Toronto and Central East for devoting a portion of their June meetings to the discussion on sustainability. Input from the Northwest, Southeast, South Central, and Ottawa/Champlain will be gathered in September.

### OPADD WEB SITE - LOCAL PROJECTS

The OPADD Website now features **local projects** more prominently. Local initiatives are the core strategy in testing new models in the search for a service system that works for older adults with a developmental disability. Service providers and planners across Ontario need to share what they are doing to help others who are still grappling with how to respond to the growing numbers of older adults with a developmental disability. Send info on your projects in point form to [aamore@reena.org](mailto:aamore@reena.org) We will contact you if we need clarification and then post the project description to the web site.

### GUIDE TO PROPERTY AND PERSONAL CARE

On June 29, a new draft of the guide was submitted to the Task Group and to two family readers for review. The newest draft includes sections on the federal government's recently announced disability savings plan, Henson Trusts, caregiver credit and more. Stories of actual cases are also included to illustrate some of the issues and safeguards around personal care and property. A section of the guide will provide information in a simplified form using pictures and text to help caregivers explain substitute decision-making to older adults with a developmental disability. The guide will be submitted to the Collaborative for approval prior to distribution this fall.

### OPADD ON THE EAST COAST

OPADD is listed in the Nova Scotia Community College Project: Retirement Planning Resource Guide. The publication is available to older adults with a developmental disability and their caregivers in Nova Scotia.