



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

UPDATE JUNE 2007

NEXT OPADD MEETING

June 15 2007 in the Training Room at Reena.

SOUTHWEST HOSTS FOLLOW-UP WORKSHOP

The Southwest regional committee hosted its follow-up workshop on Wednesday May 16 near London, Ontario. Colin Hamilton, Co-Chair of the Toronto Regional Committee, spoke on the history of the Community Living Movement. Participants learned about LHINs, about the unique health care needs of older adults with a developmental disability and about building professional relationships with health care providers. Several people came forward following the workshop to offer help with furthering the work of the regional committee.

CENTRAL EAST HOSTS COUNTY WORKSHOPS

The Central East Committee has taken regional development to a new level. Workshops were held in counties within the Central East during the month of May. Participants learned about the work of the regional committee, had opportunity to explore issues through focus group discussions and became acquainted with their counterparts in the other sector. Players across the Central East are also engaged in furthering the work of six project ideas that came out of the CE regional workshop held last fall.

SUSTAINABILITY - MOVING FORWARD

Regional committees are being contacted to arrange a time in June or September for focused discussion on sustainability of the partnership. Project staff will be facilitating a focus group discussion at each regional meeting to collect qualitative information about the continuing need for the partnership, how the partnership may be supported in the future and how we can embed our evolving cross sector work within the mainstream activity of both sectors. The input will be analysed to identify potential strategies and capacity to move forward after project funding is exhausted in April 2009. The findings will be shared with the regions and will comprise some of the input to an OPADD Discussion Paper due to be completed after all regions have held their initial and follow-up workshops.

OPADD WEB SITE - TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

The OPADD Website has been re-organized with a new banner (the eight buttons at the top of the page) and with new content on regions, local projects, information on issues such as personal care and property and much more. Unfortunately we are continuing to experience technical difficulties with the site and have postponed an "official" announcement until they are resolved. In the meantime please note that it can take up to 4 or 5 minutes for the banner at the top of the home page to load onto your computer. We are continuing to work with the web developer to resolve the problem.

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

Ontario will join a number of jurisdictions in Canada and around the world to mark the first World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on Thursday, June 15, 2006. For more information visit: <http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/seniors/english/weaad/>

GUIDE TO CHOOSING AND USING ASSISTIVE DEVICES

This guide contains ideas for selecting assistive devices and adapting items in the home to the needs of older adults. It is available for download at: http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/seniors-aines/pubs/go_for_it/goforit_toc_e.htm#content