

## UPDATE MARCH 2007

### LEARNING FROM ONE ANOTHER

The OPADD Project is now entering its second half. An important piece over the next while is to build an inventory of local cross sector projects, processes and protocols. The inventory will provide a brief description of the initiative and who to contact for more information. This material will be posted to the OPADD web site. If you are part of a project, have developed a policy or protocol or are aware of a cross sector initiative, please send us information or tell us who to contact for information. Send info to Ron Coristine at [ronc@tnt21.com](mailto:ronc@tnt21.com)

### SUSTAINABILITY

The project is now just past the midpoint. The Collaborative Committee, responsible for oversight of the OPADD ADD Project is in the midst of discussions about sustainability. Some regions are also examining how they can sustain their work. It is important to keep in mind that the aging boom, which is now just in its initial stages, will become much more pronounced and will last for decades. The work of supporting quality of life for older adults with a developmental disability will continue to be a challenge for some time to come. If your region or your organization has developed some strategies around sustaining the work of cross sector dialogue and planning, please share them - either via a submission to the OPADD Letter or to the OPADD website. Send submissions to [aamore@reena.org](mailto:aamore@reena.org)

### REGIONAL CO-CHAIR TRAINING FOLLOW-UP

The findings from the survey on how we can build our communication capacity, sent out to the regions in January, will be tabulated in the near future. Watch for an update.

### REGIONAL WORKSHOPS and EVENTS

The Southwest will be hosting its follow-up workshop on May 16 2007. The program will include a presentation about the LHIN and how to work with health care practitioners in supporting healthy aging for older adults with a developmental disability.

The Central East Region is organizing a series of focus groups with stakeholders in Simcoe County this May.

The Toronto Region is exploring a continuation of its "Walk a Day in My Shoes" Project. Exchange visits allow staff to learn about a service provider in the other sector.

Central East has set up a task group to explore how the region can best establish effective communications and working relationships with their respective LHIN(s).

### OPADD GUIDE ON ACCESSING SENIORS COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Copies of the Guide in CD ROM format are available for \$12.00, which covers the cost of publication and distribution. The Access Guide provides an excellent resource for front line staff working in either sector as well as adults with a developmental disability who have some computer literacy. Multiple copies can be purchased at a reduced rate.