



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

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NEXT OPADD MEETING

11:45 AM Friday April 11 2008 at Reena.

GUIDE TO PROPERTY AND PERSONAL CARE

The Guide has been received from the printer and is now being distributed. Copies are going out by Canada Post to all those who attend the provincial OPADD table, regional committees and other stakeholders. Additional copies are available for \$5.00 to cover the cost of printing and distribution.

DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION TO OPADD STAKEHOLDERS

We have been experiencing problems with distribution of OPADD material via E-mail. We are resolving this problem through an arrangement with LFC Hosting who will provide distribution via their server. This will change the address of E-mail received from OPADD Project staff. It will also allow us to distribute information much more easily and more frequently. Watch for more news later this month.

THE OPADD LETTER

Thanks to all those who submitted material for the spring edition to be distributed later this month. Our next edition will be out in June 2008. Please send your articles, photos and announcements by May 15 2008 to msalvatore@reena.org

TRANSITION PLANNING BLUEPRINT

The Transition Planning Blueprint Task Group will be reviewing the OPADD transition planning model and seeking input from regional committee members. The plan is to revise the model based on all that we have learned to date and distribute it widely as a reference for caregivers in both sectors. The revised model will include information on staffing requirements during transition planning processes. The elements of the current model can be found within the Transition Report, Transition Guide and the Transition Planning PowerPoint (all are available on the OPADD website). The current review will allow us to make the model more explicit by assembling the most salient points into a guide.

PROVINCIAL SYMPOSIUM

OPADD is committed to hosting a provincial symposium during the next 12 months. We are looking for people interested in planning the event. The symposium will provide a venue for a dialogue on an OPADD Discussion Paper that will summarize what we have accomplished to date and suggest some initiatives for the future.

OPADD DISCUSSION PAPER

The paper will be developed over the coming months and will be subject to extensive consultation and dialogue. More news in the weeks ahead.

SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING

The Collaborative Committee will be continuing discussion on sustainability planning over the coming weeks. A Plan to provide direction to our strategy for the continuing work ahead is expected in the coming weeks.