

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

## UPDATE MARCH 2009

### PROVINCIAL SYMPOSIUM MARCH 9, 10 AND 11 2009

**The Honourable Madeleine Meilleur**, Minister of Community and Social Services, Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs will be **addressing the symposium** at 8:45 AM Wednesday March 11 2009.

The symposium is not just another conference. It is an important event to examine where we are and where we need to go in building system capacity so older adults with a developmental disability have the same rights to support and services as all older Ontarians

**If you have not yet registered - do so today!** The Sheraton Parkway Hotel has agreed to keep the low symposium room rate on after the deadline of Feb 21 so you can still book your accommodation at low rates.

Experts, local innovators, champions and leaders will be sharing their experience with building system capacity to realize the OPADD Vision.

**Symposium Brochure and registration form** available at [www.opadd.on.ca](http://www.opadd.on.ca) on the home page under Quick Links

**OPADD Dialogue** - there will be three dialogue sessions during the symposium during which delegates will have opportunity to identify where we are and where we need to go. The proceedings of these dialogue sessions will be published and made available to symposium delegates as well as all stakeholders.

Pass this information along to your colleagues and networks!

### OPADD PROPOSAL TO REMAIN A COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE WITHIN SHRTN

OPADD has received a positive reply to the Letter of Intent to be considered a Community of Practice within SHRTN for 2009/10. Sandy Stemp, the OPADD lead for pursuing continuing participation has prepared and submitted a full proposal to SHRTN. Continued participation with SHRTN opens doors to a broader dialogue and additional resources to move forward on realizing the Vision.

### SHRTN - OPADD - AGING AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SHOWCASE PROJECT

Check out the Showcase Project and register for online learning sessions. One hour at your computer, no travel costs and you can sip coffee while learning. For info and registration go to:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=53Nzgn1N5PaP%2fKwzEvdSw%3d%3d>

### OPADD PROJECT WINDS DOWN

OPADD project funding will be exhausted at the end of April 2009. OPADD will continue its work and is in a much stronger position to do so today with the infrastructure which the project helped to put in place. OPADD's eight regional committees remain a key element in focusing the dialogue and engaging players across Ontario. Support your regional committee.

### OPADD MEETING SCHEDULE

Regional Co-Chair Teleconference:	11 AM - 12 NOON Thursday March 5
Collaborative Committee:	10:30 AM Wednesday March 18 2009 10 AM Friday April 17 2009
OPADD Provincial Table	11:45 AM Friday April 17 2009 in the Training Room at Reena