



AGING AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PROJECT

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

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BUILDING REGIONAL CAPACITY

Building cross sector planning capacity is a key strategy to realize OPADD's Vision. Responses to the follow-up survey distributed to regions following the regional Co-Chair Training provides some insight into how well we are doing. Highlights of regional responses appear below.

The Focus of Regional Committees

Responding regions identified the focus of their work in terms of:

- Open Communication.
- Identifying problems and solutions.
- Cooperative projects and initiatives.
- Collaboration, joint approaches and sharing of resources.
- Training.
- Sharing knowledge, training tools and best practices.
- Smooth transition from one system to the other.

Partnering with Ministries and Planning Bodies

- 4 of 5 regions have a CCAC rep.
- 4 of 5 regions have an MCSS rep.
- 1 of 5 regions is re-inviting an MCSS rep to attend.
- 3 of 5 regions have a MOHLTC rep.
- 1 of 5 regions is identifying a MOHLTC contact.

Working with LHINs

Some regions are beginning work on establishing a connection and working relationship with their LHIN(s).

Protocols and Agreements

Some regions report using the Joint Ministry Protocol for Access to Long Term Care but none report any other cross sector agreements or protocols in place.

SUSTAINABILITY - - - THE WAY FORWARD

The next step in identifying willingness and potential strategies for sustainability, is to engage the regions in a dialogue on "where to" and "how to". In the coming weeks, project staff will be in touch with each region to schedule a venue for exploring sustainability questions and issues.