

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

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DIRECTION

Our direction remains the same and is guided by our Vision:

1. That older adults with a developmental disability have the same rights to support and services as all older Ontarians.
2. We will move the work into the mainstream system.

SUSTAINABILITY

We have identified and put in place four key strategies to sustain the work:

1. Regional committees.
2. Regional Committee Co-Chair meetings.
3. Participation as a Community of Practice within SHRTN.
4. Maintaining knowledge dissemination through the OPADD website.

1. Regional Committees

Regional committees will provide leadership for moving forward on:

- Cross sector dialogue.
- Cross sector planning.
- Testing of new models through innovative cross sector local projects.

2. Regional Committee Co-Chair Meetings

- Regional Committee co-chair meetings will be held on a regular basis using teleconferencing and videoconferencing technology.
- Co-chair meetings will be used for information exchange, cross regional collaboration and identification/problem-solving on issues with a provincial scope.
- Regional co-chairs will invite representatives of provincial associations to join them as needed to dialogue and assist with issues of provincial scope.

3. Participation as a Community of Practice within SHRTN

- We will develop our CoP Steering Committee to engage more fully in dialogue and knowledge dissemination of best practice.
- Our engagement will build knowledge relationships among service providers, policy-makers, researchers and academics.
- Sandy Stemp and Jennifer Pimeck will co-chair the CoP Steering Committee and its members will bring their skills and knowledge to the work.
- Our CoP will collaborate with other SHRTN CoPs on projects of mutual interest.

4. Maintaining Knowledge Dissemination Through the OPADD Website

- The OPADD Website will be maintained by Denis McClelland of OASIS who has been a member of the OPADD Project Collaborative Committee.
- The website will remain a means for regions to post information on their activities, projects, reports and reference materials.