



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

UPDATE NOVEMBER 2008

PROVINCIAL SYMPOSIUM

HOLD THESE DATES! The OPADD Symposium will be held **Tuesday March 10 and Wednesday March 11 2009** at the Sheraton Parkway Hotel. Invitations for Proposals are being distributed. Please see the invitation, page 2 of this month's update.

OPADD IN PHASE 2 OF VIDEO-CONFERENCING APPROVAL

OPADD has received approval from the Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN) for a videoconferencing site. This will open the door to regular participation by those who are a distance from Toronto. OPADD members will be able to join meetings by accessing a videoconferencing site in their local community. We are now entering phase 2 of the application process, which includes a site visit to determine how the system can be installed. The videoconference site will be at Reena, which hosts the provincial table meetings. The system will also allow OPADD to engage in a range of planning and training activities via video broadcasting.

SHRTN - OPADD - AGING AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SHOWCASE PROJECT

OPADD is participating in the SHRTN Aging and Developmental Disabilities Showcase Project with other Communities of Practice. We will be supporting development of a showcase of cross sector projects, many of which are documented on the OPADD website. Players involved in each of the projects will be contacted to see if they would develop a presentation about their initiative. These presentations will form a showcase to be shared at the OPADD Symposium.

OPADD EVALUATION

An Evaluation Task Group will be assembled as interested people volunteer to participate. If you are interested please let Ron know at ronc@opadd.on.ca

TRANSITION PLANNING BLUEPRINT

Analysis has been completed. The Task Group has had an opportunity to review and comment on the findings. A draft report is being prepared for later in November. Final report will be ready in December. Watch for highlights in the OPADD Letter to be published this fall.

REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

Ottawa/Champlain - no date set.
South Central - spring 2009

LOCAL WORKSHOPS

Southwest - (Wellington County) - Rescheduled to Wednesday December 3 2008. For information and to register contact Angel Cardinal Milton at acardinalmilton@christian-horizons.org

Central East - (Simcoe County) - Tuesday November 18 2008.

OPADD MEETING SCHEDULE

Friday November 21 2008 - presentation by Lindsay Ogilvie on SHRTN library services and dialogue with representatives of Community Networks of Specialized Care on sustainability strategies.

Friday January 30 2009 - Blueprint Report will be presented.