

## UPDATE OCTOBER 2006

### REGIONAL CO-CHAIR TRAINING

Regional Co-chair training is being planned with the help of a task group: Val Armstrong, Central East Region; Cindy Stephens, Toronto Region; Linda Peever, Southeast Region; and Berthe Last, Northeast Region. Deanna Finch Smith of the Hamilton, Peel, Brant, Halton, Niagara Region has taken on the role of Coordinator of Fun.

All regions are encouraged to send their Co-chairs. Where this is not possible, regions are encouraged to select another representative from the regional committee so at least two people from each region have the opportunity to participate. The cost of travel, meals and accommodation for regional reps are covered through special funding from the Central East Region, Reena and New Leaf.

When: 4:00 PM October 29 to 1:00 PM October 31 2006

Where: Parkway Sheraton Hotel (Highway 7 near the 404)

Who: All regional Co-Chairs and Members of the Collaborative are invited.

What: Speakers, discussion sessions, planning, team-building, fun!

Why: To support the regions in their cross sector partnership work and to build an effective dialogue across the province.

### REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

- Northeast - September 28 and 29 2006 - in Sudbury - 112 people attended  
Speakers included Brian Aitken, Ethics and Gerontology Professor on Aging and Developmental Disabilities; Dr. Roy Brown, Director of Applied Research and Consultant for Down Syndrome Research Foundation of Canada on Quality of Life; Corey Doherty (Sudbury Developmental Services) and Susan Phillips (Alzheimer Society) on Alzheimer Type Dementia in Individuals with Down Syndrome; Stephanie Lawton and Susan Phillips, U-First! Trainers on U-First!; Donna Messer, of Connectus on Networking.

- Ottawa/Champlain - October 5 2006 - in Ottawa

- Toronto - November 16 2006 - in Toronto

- Southwest

The inaugural meeting of the southwest working group was held October 4 2006 in Woodstock. The range of partnering experiences across the region is one element that will guide development of the workshop program. A next meeting is scheduled for November. Invitations to participate are being extended to additional key players.

### OPADD GUIDE ON PERSONAL CARE AND PROPERTY

Continues to be developed by Ron Coristine and the working group: Jane Powell of L'Arche and OPADD; Rachel Blumenfeld of Miller Thompson and the Reena Foundation; Kenneth Pope Barrister/Solicitor and specialist in Henson Trusts; Judith Wahl of the Advocacy Resource Centre for the Elderly (ACE).

### OPADD WEBSITE

Changes to the website continue; will include easier access to local project information, portions of the OPADD Guide on Accessing Seniors Community Programs, OPADD documents and reports and new links.