



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

## UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2007

### NEXT OPADD MEETING

12 Noon Friday October 12 2007 in the Training Room at Reena.  
Elizabeth Estevez of the Seniors Secretariat will be presenting.

### SUSTAINABILITY

The Collaborative will be reviewing the findings of the Sustainability discussions held earlier this year and considering the input of those regions that have so far responded to the sustainability focus questions (Northeast, Southwest, Toronto and Central East.) Regions that have not yet scheduled a time for Ron to attend a meeting (in person or by phone) to discuss the sustainability focus questions are asked to do so as soon as possible.

Sustainability will require continuing leadership from all OPADD members to broaden the cross sector dialogue so every older adult with a developmental disability has opportunity to maintain quality of life through inclusion in services and programs for Ontario seniors. We must also begin to think about ways to sustain the infrastructure that has been created to support the dialogue (updates, newsletter, web site, meetings, task groups).

### LOCAL PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS ARE NEEDED

There are areas across Ontario that can benefit from learning about how cross sector partnering gets translated into action at the local level. We need descriptions of local projects to post on the web site so others can learn. Projects may be large or small, old or new. Please send a brief description of local projects to [aamore@reena.org](mailto:aamore@reena.org) Send bullet points, short notes, brochures or any material that helps to explain your project along with the name of a contact person.

### BUILDING THE MODEL OF TRANSITION PLANNING

OPADD's work has contributed to the development of a model of transition planning. The model is presented in PowerPoint Format on the opadd web site. Choose the News/Resources Tab; then click on <OPADD Presentations> and go to <Best Practices in Transition Planning>. This year we will be refining the model so it can provide a framework for establishing transition planning practices that suit local conditions and capacities while respecting best practices. Volunteers are needed to focus the dialogue on this project. If you are interested please contact Ron at [rcoristine@reena.org](mailto:rcoristine@reena.org) Our dialogue can be done in virtual space and via teleconference.

### CANADIAN CENTRE ON DISABILITY STUDIES (CCDS)

The Canadian Centre on Disability Studies is a university-affiliated centre dedicated to research, education and information dissemination on disability issues. The Centre is establishing partnerships with the disability community, the corporate sector, the academic world and governments. For more information about the CCDS visit their web site at <http://www.disabilitystudies.ca/index.htm>

### PARTNERSHIPS IN OTHER PROVINCES

One of OPADD's objectives is to establish links with other related partnerships across Canada. As we make these acquaintances we establish links to their web sites on the opadd web site. Currently you can learn more about other similar work being carried out in British Columbia, Alberta and Nova Scotia by going to [ww.opadd.on.ca](http://ww.opadd.on.ca) select the LINKS Tab and then click on <other ADD Partnerships.