



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

UPDATE JUNE 2008

SHRTN - OPADD APPROVED TO BECOME A COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

OPADD's proposal to become a Community of Practice under the Seniors Health Research Transfer Network (SHRTN) has been approved. Ron is attending a two day SHRTN annual assembly and Annual Planning Day on June 5 and 6. More information on our role within the SHRTN framework will be provided in the spring/summer newsletter out later this month. Our participation in SHRTN will require input and involvement of OPADD members. If you have an interest in becoming involved in some manner please let me know at ronc@opadd.on.ca

OPADD AT THIRD AGE CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK

OPADD was invited to present at the Third Age Conference held in Utica, New York, in late May. It was a great opportunity to share what we have accomplished and learn about aging and developmental disabilities in New York State. Workshop participants were surprised at the flexibility we enjoy and innovation we are able to pursue. On the other hand, New York State has formalized programming for older adults with developmental disabilities. More news on this in the spring/summer newsletter out later this month.

TRANSITION PLANNING BLUEPRINT

We have received more than 30 responses but require more input from LTC agencies to ensure reasonable balance in our data. Requests have gone out to a few LTC agencies requesting a reply. If you are a LTC agency or know of one that could complete the questionnaire, please let me know at ronc@opadd.on.ca

SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING

The Collaborative Committee will be continuing discussion on sustainability planning at their meeting of June 20 2008. A Plan to provide direction for the work ahead, after Ontario Trillium Foundation funding is exhausted, will be available in the coming weeks.

PROVINCIAL SYMPOSIUM

This task group has not yet met. Task Group members so far include: Murielle Scott and Danielle Hamilton. Regional committees and the Collaborative will be asked to name representation. It is hoped the task group can be pulled together later in June for an initial meeting.

OPADD MEETING SCHEDULE

Our schedule of meetings for the next year:

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11:45 AM	June 2008	Friday 20th
	September 2008	Friday 26th
	November 2008	Friday 21st
	January 2009	Friday 30th