

## Peel Long Term Care Residential Services Partnership

A Halton Peel District Health Council Study in 1998, identified that there was limited information and inconsistent knowledge about the needs of adults with a developmental disability and how best to serve them in a LTC home context. At the time there was also debate about whether adults with a developmental disability could be appropriately supported in a LTC home.

A work plan was developed to explore the identified need of some adults with a developmental disability and the potential for long term care home living. The work included a literature review, a survey of LTC Home residents, identification of a LTC Home with an interest in a pilot, identification and cross sector sharing of resources and a report of findings.

The Peel Long Term Care Residential Services Advisory Committee was formed to explore how support and continued quality of life could be provided for people with a developmental disability who could benefit from a move to a LTC Home. The partnership promoted affirmative planning, advocacy and best practices in order to provide continuity and security for quality of life for aging individuals with a developmental disability.

A pilot project was subsequently designed and initiated at Malton Village. The pilot facilitated the transition planning and move of appropriate individuals from the developmental services sector to residential support at Malton Village. Project activities included: assessments and personal outcomes measures to identify the needs of individuals who might be appropriate for the pilot; training and mentoring provided by developmental services personnel to LTC staff; selection of individuals where quality of life could be enhanced through a move to a LTC Home; co-ordination of services between the sectors; transition support before during and after the move; identification and adoption of best practices.

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