



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

UPDATE OCTOBER 2008

PROVINCIAL SYMPOSIUM

The OPADD Symposium Task Group recently held its first meeting to plan the symposium, review the budget and select a venue. The symposium will be held at the Sheraton Parkway Hotel Tuesday March 10 and Wednesday March 11 2009. An exciting program is being developed. Hold those dates and plan to attend. If you know of a local or regional initiative that should be showcased at the symposium send an e-mail to ronc@opadd.on.ca

OPADD RECEIVES APPROVAL FOR VIDEOCONFERENCING SITE

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 COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

The OPADD work plan for our activity as a SHRTN Community of Practice (CoP) was presented to the September meeting of the OPADD provincial table. Several people have signed up to join our Community of Practice Working Group: Carlene Wisdom, Jennifer Pimeck, Sandra Bricker, Donna Gordon and Shehenaz Manji. If you would like to be part of the group please send your name to Ron at ronc@opadd.on.ca

OPADD EVALUATION

An evaluation of our work over the past 5 years will be commencing in the near future. We are currently studying the evaluation framework used by SHRTN. It is designed to assess the efficacy of networks and may lend itself well to determining our effectiveness as a partnership. 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

Workload has precluded a faster completion of the data analysis. Analysis is proceeding and findings will be shared with the Blueprint Task Group in the near future. Watch for highlights in the OPADD Letter to be published this fall.

REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

Central East - Saturday November 8 2008.

Northeast - October 29 2008 - supporting older adults with a developmental disability among in LTC.

Toronto - Thursday October 30 2008 - Partnerships & Issues - Respect, Power And The Powerless.

Ottawa/Champlain - no date set.

South Central - no date set.

LOCAL WORKSHOPS

Southwest (Wellington County) - Being rescheduled from Tuesday October 7 to a date in November.

OPADD MEETING SCHEDULE

Friday November 21 2008.

Friday January 30 2009.