



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

## **UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2008**

### OPADD MEETING WITH MINISTRIES

OPADD CO-Chairs Margaret Ringland and Sandy Keshsen met with representatives of MCSS, MOHLTC and Seniors Secretariat in July to explore support for the provincial symposium; discussion also focused on sustainability of a cross-ministry process to address cross-sector issues. The importance of consistent communication pertaining to the support of older adults with developmental disabilities across MCSS regional offices, LHINS and CCACs was also discussed. Dialogue on these items will continue.

### SHRTN - OPADD - AGING AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

The OPADD draft work plan for our activity as a SHRTN Community of Practice (CoP) will be presented to the Collaborative for review and forwarded to the September meeting of the OPADD provincial table. The workplan will focus on: the achievement of OPADD Project goals; sustainability of the OPADD dialogue; and mainstreaming of cross sector planning, coordination and service delivery.

### TRANSITION PLANNING BLUEPRINT

A total of 30 developmental service providers and 6 long term care providers responded to the transition planning questionnaire. Several attempts were made to gather more data from LTC. However, other data-gathering exercises and pressures within that sector seemed to preclude greater participation. The development of the Transition Planning Blueprint will be incorporated into the OPADD SHRTN work plan. There will be more opportunity for input from both sectors as work proceeds.

Preliminary findings indicate a fair degree of congruence between best practices for transition planning and actual practices of service providers. The data show that generally transition planning includes: thorough documentation; a focus on Quality of Life; attention to health care planning; training and development for staff; individual and systemic advocacy; and reliance on cross sector partnership activity. However, there is less consistency among service providers in terms of availability of resources for transition planning. Many respondents point to the lack of resources as a barrier to fully effective transition planning.

### PROVINCIAL SYMPOSIUM

The OPADD Symposium is being planned for March 2009.

### 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) - Tuesday October 7 2008

### OPADD MEETING SCHEDULE

Friday September 26 2008 - presentations by our SHRTN Community of Practice (CoP) librarian, Lindsay Ogilvie and knowledge broker, Liz Lusk.

Friday November 21 2008.

Friday January 30 2009.