

Coalitions on Aging & Intellectual Disability

Alberta Forum on Aging and Developmental Disabilities (AFADD)

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The Alberta Forum on Aging and Developmental Disabilities (AFADD) is made up of a group of service providers and representatives from PDD (funders) from across the province of Alberta. Participants share information about and discuss common issues related to supporting individuals who have intellectual disabilities and are aging.

Calgary Coalition on Aging Individuals with Developmental Disabilities (CAIDD)

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CAIDD is a group that supports and promotes the inclusion of aging individuals with developmental disabilities in their community through networking, collaboration and education. It is a coalition of major stakeholders representing the interests of individuals with disabilities who are aging. Major stakeholders include: aging individuals with disabilities, their families, guardians, advocates, service providers, funders, and other relevant members of the community. We believe that aging individuals with disabilities can make valuable contributions to their communities and it is our mission to support them to become full members of their community with equal opportunity for full participation.

Huron Trillium Partnership

A collaborative of 47 long term care, developmental services and planning organizations.

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Focus and priorities of group:

1. Regular meetings of a Steering Committee provides a forum for cross sector dialogue, identification and resolution of individual cases of transition planning, development of principles and best practices for transition planning.
2. Group has completed a process evaluation and will be conducting an outcomes evaluation in the autumn of 2004.
3. Huron County Transition Planning Guide for Families and Front Line Staff under development.
4. Semi-annual cross sector training workshops organized by Training Committee.
5. Proposal tabled for a policy framework and template which individual service providers can use to consider how their policies support staff (or not) in cross sector transition planning.
6. Semi-annual meetings with Ministry of Community and Social Services and Ministry of Health Long Term Care to exchange information on initiatives and to discuss policy implications.
7. Local service providers of the partnership have and are continuing to develop inter-agency cross-sector protocols to facilitate referrals and support to older adults with developmental disabilities.

Northwestern Ontario Committee on Aging and Developmental Disabilities

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Members of the committee are partners from the aging and disability sectors. The focus of the committee has been to plan educational opportunities for the community on Aging and Developmental Disabilities.

Ontario Partnership on Aging and Developmental Disabilities (OPADD)

Forging Links between the Long-Term Care and Developmental Services Sectors

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LOCAL SOLUTIONS FOR LOCAL PROBLEMS. OPADD believes that local community groups are the key to producing tangible results by linking both sectors at the level of the local agency with participation from local planning bodies. Each organization retains its autonomy but enriches its capacity to support people with a developmental disability as they age.

OPADD has developed a work plan for 2004 through to 2009 funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Some of the initiatives the partnership is currently working on:

- A new series of regional workshops on aging and developmental disabilities across Ontario
- Supporting new and established local cross sector planning groups
- A survey of transition planning across Ontario to identify best practices and to develop models
- Adapting the U First Training Program (originally developed for use in long term care) for use in the developmental services sector
- Developing an electronic magazine for distribution to service providers, planning bodies, students and individuals in both sectors
- Creating a website to provide information and with interactive capabilities to connect people from all areas of the province by the fall of 2004.