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News from the Ontario Association on Developmental Disabilities

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Message from our OADD chair:

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES IN ONTARIO SECOND EDITION

A RUNAWAY SUCCESS!!!

The second edition of Developmental Disabilities has become the benchmark reference book for educational programs in the province. The book is widely used in many college courses as the core textbook. Its readability and plain language have made it an excellent tool in the classroom to train our new generation of developmental service workers.

The book, which places a spotlight on Ontario authors, demonstrates the vast pool of world-class researchers, clinicians and authors we have in the field of developmental disabilities.

If you have not had the opportunity to read this book purchase one or have our organization purchase one for reference. For more details on the book and to order one please check out the OADD website.

OADD-RSIG (Research Special Interest Group) AWARDS

The Research Special Interest Group (RSIG) held its 11th annual research day on April 2nd, 2003. Two new awards were introduced this year. Maurice Feldman was the recipient of the first OADD-RSIG Professional Award for Excellence in Research. His “super hero type” performance as our keynote speaker was certainly inspiring. The new Student Award for Excellence in Research was not awarded this year but we hope to have our first recipient at the 2004 conference.

This year’s recipient of the Professional Poster Award was Kevin Stoddart for his scholarly poster titled “Reported anxiety and depression in parents of children and youth with Pervasive Development Disorders.” The Student Poster Award went to Chris McColl for his poster “Hearing Loss in Adults with Pervasive Developmental Disorders”.

Please get your nominations in early for these awards to ensure our shining stars in this field are recognized!

DISSEMINATE YOUR RESEARCH

Do not forget that if you are interested in using the OADD website to recruit for or disseminate information about your research project apply to have it announced on the website

This service to OADD Members provides an opportunity to access the membership for assistance and to share your information across the province.

To have our information posted contact the Chair of the Publications Committee.

International Trial of Vitamin E in Older Persons with Down Syndrome *UPDATE!!!!!!*



The purpose of the study is to see if vitamin E can help preserve memory & daily living skills. Participants must be **50** years of age or older, medically stable, & have a caregiver who can take part.

The study includes thorough health exams, free vitamins, and remuneration for participants and caregivers. Study length, 3 years. Study visits: 2 per year, 1 hr per visit.

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Support OADD!

Membership has its privileges...

OADD's Membership drive is now underway. Make your voice heard and join again this year as an individual or organization. The organization has over members and is growing every year. OADD's membership include agencies, organizations; university and community college students and instructors; service provider direct care staff and managers; family support workers; case managers; psychologists; social workers; and so on.

The OADD membership year runs from January 1 to December 31.

General Membership: Free
Student Sustaining Membership: \$ 25
Sustaining Individual Membership: \$50
Organizational Membership: \$ 200

Patron

Bronze Greater Than \$200
Silver Greater Than \$300
Gold Greater Than \$500

Join for the first time or renew your current membership.

**2004
Annual Conference
Kempfenfelt Centre
Barrie, Ontario**



**Building Teams, Building
Supports, Building Lives**

The Ontario Association on Developmental Disabilities is preparing the 2004 annual conference.

The theme this year focus on how we can build better lives for those we support by having strong teams to offer strong

supports. It is a celebration of teamwork that highlights best practices in building supporting and working in a team.

We want to see you there, so mark March 31st, April 1st and 2nd in your calendar!

COME AND JOIN OUR TEAM !

**CHECK THE WEB SITE FOR DETAILS
AND REGISTRATION!!!!!!!!!!**



**Twelfth Annual
OADD Research Special Interest
Group
Research Day**

**Wednesday March 31, 2004
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Kempfenfelt Centre
Barrie, Ontario**

The OADD Research Special Interest Group was formed to provide an opportunity for researchers, professionals and other interested individuals, working in the field of developmental disabilities to exchange research, ideas, resources,

and concerns.

The objectives of the Research Day are to:

- Update research advances in the field and exchange information regarding ongoing research activities in developmental disabilities in Ontario
- Provide opportunity for networking and collaboration for researchers and students with an interest in developmental disabilities from across the province
- Discuss ways to stimulate interest and support for research at the level of institutions, governments, and research funding bodies

PLAN TO ATTEND AND DISCOVER
THE WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE AND
IDEAS FROM ACROSS THE PROVINCE

Last year RSIG introduced 2 new awards. The OADD-RSIG Professional Award for Excellence in Research and the new Student Award for Excellence in Research. It's not too late to nominate individuals to receive these awards at the 2004 RSIG conference.

For information on how to register or for information on how to submit a talk, poster, or award nomination please contact:

Jonathan Weiss

Conference Chair for 2004

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Information is also posted on the OADD website under *Projects & Affiliations*.

The Editors Thoughts:

by Glen Walker

Making do with what we have!

How often have you been in a meeting or planning session where some one inevitably states you will have to make do with what we have or the money is already in the system! There is then a collective sigh in the room a sense of gloom descends over the meeting.

Instead of having a wake at this time lets look at back at what we have done and get excited about what we could do now.

For years we have been creative with the resources that we have had. In today's world we need to look to even more innovative ways to support individuals without relying on a paid support model. We now must look creating circles of support using parents, siblings, relatives, community groups, schools, health providers and a host of others. We are now challenged to think outside the box to meet the individuals' needs. We now need the cooperation of a broad range of non-traditional supports. These groups can be parks and recreation departments, service clubs, church groups, social clubs, volunteer agencies, mental health providers, long term care providers, probation offices, native band groups and a host of friends and family.

This is a time of innovation and we should not be paralyzed by a lack of new resources or wait for money from provincial sources that are fighting their own financial demons. If we can get new resources that is great, but if not lets get creative!

We need to look at how we do business and why. If we do things because we have always done so its time to have a careful look at it now. Agencies need to look at how they can consolidate and or integrate their own services more effectively. There will certainly be opportunities to link with other community providers to reconfigure resources into a more effective model of service delivery.

By reaching out to community groups and families, organizations have discovered an untapped source of help. There can be willingness in the community from the most unlikely places to be part of a circle of support for individuals facing challenges.

So next time people say " make do with what you have", thank them. They have now released you from the bonds of thinking about new paid supports to blending multi-sectoral and unpaid care givers into a dynamic and truly community integrated support team.

**WE WANT YOUR THOUGHTS
IN THIS SPACE !!**

Your BrOADDcast editorial group wants to include frontline workers ideas and work in the newsletter. Let us know how you have been innovative or how you have been impacted by new policy or just have something to say.

Send your idea for an article to our editor Glen Walker at gwalker@wgh.ca.