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News from the Ontario Association on Developmental Disabilities



ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS!

OADD Conference 2005

The "Transitions" conference was a great success. Donna Gordon, Simcoe Community Services, was Chair for the 2005 Conference and the OADD Board of Directors and the Conference Committee are grateful to the tremendous effort Donna gave in making this conference so successful!

The Great Lakes Society kicked off the annual event with their Wednesday pre-conference which featured a hands-on interactive day with Dr. Dorothy Griffiths and the Brock University Joint Human Rights Team. The focus was on developing relationships with individuals, staff and families from a human rights perspective.

The full conference swung into action on Thursday, April 7th, 2005 with inspirational Keynote Speaker, Joan Grobb Augustino. The Minister of Community & Social Services, Sandra Pupatello was able to come by and deliver an annual message - this may become an ongoing event.

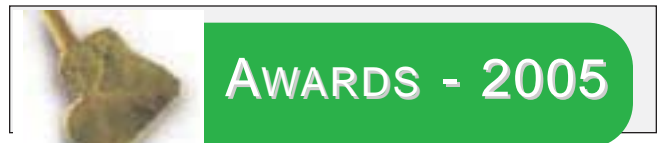
During lunch the 2004 ConnectABILITY Idol winner, Kim Hoffman, sang a fabulous medley of songs - what a voice! In the late afternoon, the OADD Annual General Meeting and Awards Ceremony with wine and cheese and cool drumming by Gerima Harvey was held before supper.

In the evening, the "Hoe-Down" Country Party blasted off thanks to Lois Yorke and her twin sister, Janis Henderson Devries. There were lots of prizes, food and "refreshments." Great fun even though I did not win the incredible sound system. Many thanks to Lois and Jan for arranging this! These women know how to party.

On Friday, the OADD Research Special Interest Group (RSIG) began their day with Dr. Adrienne Perry as the RSIG keynote speaker. Dr. Perry presented on *Evidence based practice in developmental disabilities: What is it and why does it matter?*

Thanks to the incredibly helpful staff at the Kempenfelt as well as to the Developmental Service Worker students from Georgian College who were a great help during conference room setup. Much appreciated!

Next year's conference will be the last year at the Kempenfelt Centre just outside of Barrie on the shores of Kempenfelt Bay. The dates are April 5, 6 and 7th 2006. Book your calendar now to set this time aside to attend the 2006 conference. The 2006 Conference Committee Chair is Maria Gitta, Developmental Disabilities Division at The University of Western Ontario, and she can be reached at mgitta@uwo.ca or (519) 455-5110, ext. 47693. The Kempenfelt Centre website is at www.kempenfelt.com



OADD HONOURS PEOPLE IN THE FIELD

Each year at the conference, OADD honours people working in the field of developmental disabilities by presenting awards in recognition of their work and contribution.

The recipients of this year's awards continue to represent outstanding dedication and service.

Directors' Awards of Excellence

Presented to an OADD member who has made, or is making, a very substantial and extensive contribution to the direction, leadership and promotion of OADD.

Betty Davis
Jenny Demark
Lynn Woodford

Staff Recognition Award

Presented to a member who is employed with a service funded agency to provide services with the developmentally disabled who, as a professional, has contributed significantly to better understanding of individuals as they become independent within their community.

MARY NOVAK joined Sunbeam Centre in 1990 as the Manager of Health Services. A Registered Nurse, and member of the College of Nurses of Ontario, Mary also holds a Diploma in Long Term Care Management from Ryerson University. In 1996, as a result of organizational restructuring, she assumed the newly created position of Director, Residential & Professional Services. In this capacity all residential, program and professional/therapeutic services report to her. She is a member of Sunbeam's five person Senior Management Team.

Kay Sansom Scholarship

Three awards of \$1,000 each and a one-year membership in OADD are available to Ontario students with interests in developmental disabilities: medical and graduate students, undergraduate students and community college students.

JOYCE LIU (Undergraduate Award) Joyce Liu is in her third year of a four year Ryerson University Baccalaureate Nursing Program. During the past year Joyce has shown a keen interest in supporting and learning more about Developmental Disabilities. She has created and updated learning aids for individuals with Developmental Disabilities related to health education such as "Going to the Doctor", "Taking Medication" and "Experiencing Menopause" as well as having offered a workshop in medication safety. Joyce has written articles on her experiences that she will be publishing to encourage others in the health care profession to become more aware and involved. While Joyce is in school she has had to work 2 jobs in order to support her living and pursuit of education. The Kay Sansom Scholarship award will enable Joyce to focus more on her studies, specifically her interest in Persons with Developmental Disabilities.

MARY-JANE MILLS-ROGERS (Graduate Award) Mary-Jane Mills-Rogers is currently completing her Master's of Social Work Degree from McGill University (Kingston Site) where the subject of her specialized study is people with Developmental Disabilities and their families. She completed her honors degree in Sociology from Queens University and was employed at Community Living Kingston in a Group Home Supervisory Position. From that position she worked managing the Family Home Program (Home Share). Ms. Mills-Rogers now works with the Dual Diagnosis Consultation Service Outreach Team through the Providence Continuing Care Centre in Kingston while having a full time school commitment. Her plans are to continue to a PhD Program in Social Work. She is described as exceptionally talented in her ability to work with people to support and arrange safe placements for vulnerable individuals. Ms. Mills-Rogers has shown a high level of commitment to persons with a developmental disability and in her community. She is described as a passionate advocate, compassionate clinician, and role model and leader in providing supports to persons with a dual diagnosis.

(The College scholarship was not awarded for 2005.)

Congratulations to all recipients!

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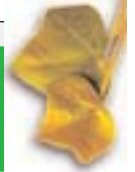
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Statement of Policy and Disclaimer

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MORE AWARDS



Research Special Interest Group

The Research Special Interest Group (RSIG) held its 13th annual research day on April 1st. Dr. Adrienne Perry was the recipient of the OADD-RSIG Professional Award for Excellence in Research. Her active involvement in research and clinical activities reflects her strong belief in the scientist-practitioner model. She is a faculty member in the Clinical-Developmental Psychology Program at York University where she is Director of Clinical Training for the Clinical-Developmental Graduate Program. She sits on numerous departmental committees and teaches courses in psychological assessment, autism & developmental disabilities and behavioural intervention and supervision. Dr. Perry has been actively involved in research throughout her career, publishing and presenting extensively in the area of developmental disabilities. Her work has focused primarily on diagnosis and assessment of autism, preschool diagnosis and intervention (IBI), communication interventions including facilitated communication (FC), family stress, coping, and social support in parents and siblings, respite care, parent groups, sibling groups and other support services, as well as Rett syndrome.

This year's recipients of the Student Poster Award were J. Weiss and T. Diamond for their poster on Involvement in Special Olympics and Parent Stress. The Professional Poster Award was given to Community Attitudes Toward the Inclusion of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities by P. Burge, H. Ouellette-Kuntz, H. Stuart, & J. Arboleda-Florez.

The Student Award for Excellence in Research was not awarded this year but we hope to have our first recipient at next year's conference.

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

OADD is enjoying a watershed year! Our membership has grown to its highest level in our recent history and our members are now more involved in OADD than ever before. There is a group preparing for our 20th anniversary by creating a historical account of OADD achievements and milestones. Our task group working on our new front line workers special interest group has drawn interest from all sectors of our membership.

The Ministry of Community and Social Services has a renewed interest in OADD and I had the pleasure of introducing the Minister of Community and Social Services the Honourable Sandra Pupatello when she announced the "Places to Live initiative". The Ministry has followed up on that announcement to ask for OADD's assistance in planning how the student bursaries announced at that time will be dispersed and if OADD can play a key role in this process. As many know, OADD has been awarding scholarships and grants for many years and this activity is well suited to our organization which spans all educational sectors and service sectors with its membership. Watch our website for more information in the upcoming weeks. This will be of particular interest to our members who are still in University and College.

Our conference committee is hard at work planning a fantastic spring conference and our energetic volunteers must be applauded for making this remarkable task look so easy.

These are only a sample of what OADD is up to this year and I encourage all members to check our website and feel free to contact the OADD office to see how you can become a more active member of the organization.

Glen Walker, OADD Chair

IDEAS, THOUGHTS, OBSERVATIONS?

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
Lynn Woodford at
lwoodford@georgianc.on.ca.

OADD IN THE NEWS



Sandra Pupatello, Minister MCSS, Glen Walker, OADD, John Flannery, Executive Director SPC, and Garry Cooke, Community Living Ontario (*reprinted from MCSS website*).

RECRUITMENT IS ONGOING! Multi-site International Trial of Vitamin E in Aging Persons with Down Syndrome

There is published evidence that high dose vitamin E might help to preserve the memory and daily living skills of people with Alzheimer's disease (Sano et al., 1997). In 2002, with support from the U.S. National Institute of Health (National Institute on Aging), a clinical trial was begun to determine if high dose vitamin E, provided daily over a period of 3 years, also might help to preserve the memory and daily living skills of older people with Down syndrome who are at risk of developing dementia of the Alzheimer

type 20-30 years earlier than in the general population. The first subject enrolled in May, 2002. To date, 242 subjects have been enrolled from 20 participating sites all over the world. Of these, 39 are from 3 different provinces in Canada. All subjects are at least 50 years of age.



During 2004-05, a number of papers have appeared in the literature that have discussed the safety of vitamin E therapy. One paper by Dr. E. R. Miller 3rd (published in January, 2004) concluded that high dose vitamin E supplements (≥ 400 IU/day) might slightly increase the risk of dying from any cause. At the request of the Project Directors, Dr. Bruce Levin, Professor and Chair, Department of Biostatistics, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, conducted a review of the analysis. Dr. Levin concluded that evidence in favour of a harmful effect of vitamin E in high dose supplementation was weak. Another report by Lonn et al (published in March, 2005) on a study called HOPE-TOO, raised another concern. This paper found no evidence between vitamin E treatment and mortality, but did find evidence that vitamin E increases the risk of congestive heart failure in patients with pre-existing disease and/or diabetes. This risk was not identified in at least two other studies of vitamin E. Finally, a recent study by Petersen et al (2005) found no effect of vitamin E in individuals with mild cognitive impairment.

The Data and Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB) of the Down Syndrome Study met in April, 2005, and carefully considered available information from the Down syndrome study. The DSMB determined that "there was no evidence of harm to the subjects in the study and no cause to suggest that the trial should be halted prematurely". However, investigators involved in the trial were asked to stop recruitment temporarily until all available safety data could be considered. In June, 2005, the DSMB conducted another evaluation of all available safety data. They were assisted by Dr. Eva Lonn, the cardiologist who was lead author on the HOPE-TOO paper. This second analysis by the DSMB concluded that recruitment should resume and that it was not necessary to exclude individuals with diabetes or cardiovascular disease, or to ask people with diabetes or cardiovascular disease enrolled in the study to stop taking the study medication. Rather, information about individuals with these conditions should be collected on a case-by-case basis during the trial.

MEMBER PUBLICATION

The OADD is pleased to announce a new publication by one of our members.

My Sad is All Gone: A Family's Triumph over Violent Autism.
by *Thelma Wheatley*

Some of you will remember Thelma's presentation Straight from the Heart at our OADD conference 2003.

To read more about Thelma's book and to order in Canada: www.booksurge.com. It is published by Lucky Press (www.luckypress.com) and is also available in bookstores. (ISBN number: 0-9760576-0-3)

Congratulations Thelma, on behalf of the OADD membership.

So, in summary, the clinical trial is proceeding with the original entry criteria. Our target is to enroll another 158 subjects in the study as quickly as possible to achieve the target goal of 400. For information about the study, please contact Dr. Maire Percy at (416) 925-5141, ext. 353. See also "Projects and Affiliations" on the OADD website.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Dr. Paul Aisen, Medical Director of the International Study, provided the information on which this report is based.

KINGSTON INTERNSHIP CONSORTIUM

Pre Doctoral Internship Program in Clinical Psychology (CPA Accredited)

As part of the training of a Clinical Psychologist, after the completion of course work and research dissertations, the graduate student is required to complete a year long internship at an accredited internship site. This Internship (or residency) is a mandatory requirement for obtaining the doctoral degree, is a year long and involves at a minimum 1600 hours of practice experience. The Kingston Internship Consortium was recently accredited with the Canadian Psychological Association (the accrediting body across Canada) and provides three internship/residency positions. As a Consortium, each intern/resident is expected to undertake supervised practice in each of the participating agency sites. The major purpose of the Clinical Psychology Internship is identified as the most important component of training, as it provides the bridge from academia to practice in the socialization into the profession.

Background

Since 1998, Ongwanada has been working towards developing an accredited internship/residency program in Clinical Psychology in partnership with various partner community agencies (Child Development Centre, Mental Health Team, PCCC-St. Mary's of the Lake). The purpose of the internship program is to train clinical psychologists to work in the field of disability, with a specific emphasis on developmental disabilities. Ongwanada has been the lead agency in developing the accredited internship program through a consortium of community partners (Child Development Centre, Providence Continuing Care-St. Mary's of the Lake, Mental Health Team). The impe-

tus for developing the internship/residency for the training of clinical psychologists in the field of developmental disabilities arose for a number of reasons, some of which are not unique to the field of psychology:

- a. To ensure the succession of qualified psychologists in the aftermath of the retiring cohort of current practitioners
- b. To provide training programs for clinical psychologists because the institutional closures have eliminated the traditional or historic venues for training opportunities
- c. To provide an opportunity in training to develop multi disciplinary working/professional relationships early on, which overcomes traditional barriers to service
- d. To address the need for disability emphases in community-based practices to serve the growing population of community-based clients
- e. To overcome the current trend in academic clinical psychology training programs which stream learning practitioners into child or adult competencies by emphasizing training in skills across the lifespan.

Mission Statement

The community agencies or consortium partners, through the Internship Advisory Group (Dr. Sheryl French, PCCC-SMOL; Dr. Jessica Jones, Mental Health Team, Department of Psychiatry, Queen's University; Dr. Ghislaine Marcotte, Ongwanada; Dr. Marjory Phillips, formerly of the CDC; Dr. Katherine Buell, Ongwanada, Director of Training) have developed a mission statement. The purpose of the mission statement was to clarify the goals and philosophy of the internship/residency for two reasons: in order to accommodate other agencies who want to participate as part of the internship/residency, and have a clear statement of purpose for graduate psychology student candidates who want to apply to the site.

The major purpose of the internships is to develop practitioners who are competent to undertake clinical work with persons with disability across the lifespan. The focus of training is on disability, specifically acquired and developmental disability. Related training goals are exposure to lifespan issues since the nature of disability changes over the lifespan. Placements will consist of adult and child populations.

Accreditation

Students apply to undertake Internships/Residency as part of their final training close to completion of their dissertation (Ph.D.) research. Graduate students apply to accredited programs. Academic Clinical Psychology programs encourage their students to only apply to accredited programs. Becoming an accredited internship site was the paramount goal for the consortium. Developing the internship consortium partnership progressed to having the Canadian Psychological Association accreditation site visit (June 2004). As a result of the site visit held June 1st, 2nd, 2004, a site visit report was

received in early August 2004. The site visit report was highly complimentary of the internship citing:

1. The program contains psychologists who provide excellent role models for a scientist-practitioner model delivery of services to adults and children with developmental disability, and to adults and children with acquired disabilities.
2. A strength of this program is the opportunities it affords for multi disciplinary work. Collaboration with other disciplines occurs at every stage of the intern's experience since most of the program delivery in each agency is team based. Most agencies preferred a flat structure to the team. Behavioural therapists, social workers, psychiatrists, Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, Speech And Language Therapists, dieticians, nurses, physicians, pharmacists, neurologists, and geneticists all interact with the team members in patient care, and have been accessible to the interns on the different teams.
3. The current and past interns impressed us as being thoughtful, vibrant, passionate, eloquent, assertive, and actively involved in taking responsibility for their experiences in internship. They expressed their appreciation for the respect with which they are treated in the program and the commitment, flexibility, genuineness, and approachability of their supervisors.

In the December 2004 confirmation of the internship consortium accreditation, the Canadian Psychological Association Accreditation Panel noted the following:

The program is to be commended for its earnestness, initiative and commitment to provide training for clinical psychologists in an important area of practice. In so doing the program will make an important training contribution to the Kingston community and Ontario.

Of the 6 clinical interns funded over the years of the internship, four interns have become registered psychologists, 3 in Ontario, 1 in Nova Scotia and of these, four have remained in the field of disability. The fifth intern is completing dissertation research while remaining in Ontario, though originally from Quebec. It is also interesting to note that the sixth and current intern is one of 4 interns who completed psychology practicum placements (training completed during the course of academic training) in the consortium partners' agencies.

Philosophy of the Kingston Internship Consortium

The philosophy of the internship program is to develop the skills required to be a clinical psychologist in the field of disability. Clinical psychologists

are involved in the field of disabilities in several ways and the internship represents this range of practice within psychology: primarily as clinicians, with interests in clinical service, research and teaching. Becoming accredited has meant that each agency has committed to the training standards required for accreditation. However the commitment is really the dedication of the supervising and advisory psychologists within the agencies that have made this venture successful.

Ontario perspective

At the present time, predoctoral internships in psychology in Ontario are experiencing pressures greater than have ever been experienced. Over the next year, Ontario is moving from 41 to 36 CPA accredited internships. This year there are 78 students from Ontario on internship, meaning that 37 internships are out of province. This means that training occurs without regard to the provincial professional associations (College of Psychologists in Ontario). The Ontario Psychological Association (Psychology Ontario, Vol 36, No. 3, 2004) is advocating for broadening the range of internship training to meet the provincial demands. The accreditation of our unique consortium meets this goal and will attract future psychologists to work in the field of developmental and acquired brain injury.

Dr. Katherine Buell
 Director of Training, Practicum & Internship
 Ongwanada

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE **Kingston Internship Consortium** VISIT www.ongwanada.com

coming in 2006 **OADD's** **20TH ANNIVERSARY**

Next year, OADD will be celebrating it's 20th anniversary. We've already begun to confer and conceive and will be posting information on our website as plans are finalized.

In the meantime, if you have any stories, anecdotes, archived material or tidbits of information that you would like to share about the past twenty years at OADD, please send them to us at: twenty@oadd.org.

THE NEW FRONTIER

HONOURING THE PAST WORKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE **OADD conference 2006**

In recognition of OADD's 20th anniversary, our theme for the 2006 annual conference is "Honouring the Past. Working Towards the Future. The New Frontier."

Find out more or submit your presentation proposal by visiting our website: www.oadd.org.

Or contact Maria Gitta, Conference Chair, at: conference@oadd.org.

OADD OFFICE UPDATE

Administration Committee Members, 2004-2005

Maire Ede Percy
 Denise Tremblett
 Betty Davis

In the spring the OADD office support is very busy assisting the Board of Directors and Committees to wrap up the initiatives of the 2004-2005 OADD Board. Another annual cycle is completed at our Annual General Meeting (AGM) when Board Members who have served their terms leave and new Board Members are elected. A new cycle begins immediately with the first Board Meeting following the AGM. New Committee Chairs are announced and Committees are struck, with their fresh ideas and very often new ways of doing the work necessary to meet our OADD mandate.

Our OADD Board 2005-2006 and we as members are very fortunate that we have in place Jennifer Shaw our Office Administrator, and the promise of her continued exemplary support. Jennifer has had a year of learning how our office and the current Board manage, the annual workflow, and what supports will most likely be expected.

Our Board and Committees also receive remarkable web site support provided by Ted Myerscough. He has continued over our office moves to act as Web Master and over this time the design of not only our web site but also our Conference and other publications are the results of his creativity. His years of experience with the OADD, and his diligence at managing the web site, have also proven to be a major source of support for our Board and for this Office Committee.

Having commended both Ted and Jennifer for their work and their support, it is also appropriate that a note of thanks be extended to all the people at Surrey Place Centre who have welcomed us, facilitated OADD work over the past year, and made it such a pleasure for our Committee members to be involved with them.

Perhaps not a "given" but also worthy of note has been a most sincere appreciation for Bernie Travis' recommendation for this Committee to be struck and the support our work has received from fellow Board and Committee Chairs and Members since this Committee's formation.

This is the last Office Update that I will be writing as Committee Chairperson. My final lines can only be for Maire Ede Percy and Denise Tremblett. You are remarkable women. Thank you both more than I can find the words to express.

Betty Davis

OADD MEMBERSHIP

OADD's membership drive for the 2005 membership year was a great success.

Thanks to all of you who renewed your membership during our 2005 membership drive. Your Association is now stronger as a result of a 10% increase this year. Our Association now has more than 220 members, including agencies, organizations, university and college students and instructors, support provider staff and managers, psychologists, social workers, and case managers. As an organization we continue to be representative of the broadest possible cross-section of persons who are studying and working in the fields of developmental disabilities.

Are you currently a member? If so, thank you for supporting OADD.

If not, why not? Registration is easy. Just go onto our website www.oadd.org and complete the application for membership form. Membership rates are available to meet every level of ability to support the Association.

Show your support for each other and for the work of OADD.

Join now!

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT

Maire Percy, Chair

JOURNAL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (JODD)

A New Development: *Upcoming Articles and Articles in Press*
Go to the journal's page on the OADD website. You will now see a new section called *Upcoming Articles and Articles in Press*. The section *Articles in Press* contains articles that have been peer reviewed and accepted to be published in this journal. When the final article is assigned to an issue of the journal, the *Article in Press* version will be removed from this section and will appear in the associated journal issue. The *Upcoming Articles* section lets readers know the content and approximate publication dates of upcoming volumes of the journal.

Call for Papers

Short Papers Related to the Annual OADD Conference, 2005

Presenters at the Special Research Interest Group Day or at the Main Conference are invited to submit Short Papers on their topics for submission to JODD. Short Papers should be no longer than 5 double-spaced pages and should contain no more than 2 figures or tables. Sections should include abstract, background, methods, and results with a brief discussion. The same paper (even if one is a brief form) should not be submitted to two journals, in keeping with generally accepted journal standards and copyright laws. However, the same research results are often published in two or three different

ways, emphasizing different aspects of the results or different parts of the population. In these cases, the introduction and discussion would still be original, and the method and results presented in a different way.

Papers for Upcoming Issues

Check out the journal's page on the OADD website. Papers are now being accepted for special volumes on the following topics: Developmental Disabilities and the Native Canadian Community, Transitions, Syndromes, Innovations in Behavioural Intervention, and Alternative Therapies. Papers on other topics also are welcome. A special Historical Issue of the Journal is planned for 2006 to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the OADD. This will contain reprints of important articles selected from among all of the JODD's volumes since 1992.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Textbook: *Developmental Disabilities in Ontario*, 2nd edition, edited by Ivan Brown and Maire Percy, has become an essential source of information for educators, front-line workers, academic researchers and students in the field of developmental disabilities. Place orders through the OADD website. CD copies can be made available for the visually impaired with purchase of the book and a special request. Permission to copy individual chapters for groups should be obtained from the OADD Office. The rate is \$2.50 (Canadian) per chapter per student.

Attention members...

Nominations are now open for OADD 2005 Awards & Scholarships

As an Association member, you can support promising scholars and reward conscientious professionals by nominating them for any of three \$1,000 scholarships and six awards. These awards are presented at our annual conference in April.

Hull-Roehrer Award of Merit

Presented to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution or special achievement in one of the following areas.

- Education: research in the field of developmental disabilities
- Humanitarianism: promotion of human welfare and/or social reform
- Research: scientific knowledge in the field of developmental disabilities
- Service: improvement of services to individuals with developmental disabilities
- Special: not covered by other categories

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Media Award

Presented to an individual in Ontario who, through their work with the press, radio, television and film has heightened the awareness of the public to the potential and achievements of individuals with developmental disabilities and whose work has resulted in documented changes in attitude within the community.

Achievement Award

Presented to an individual in Ontario who, through his or her efforts and example has heightened the awareness of the community to the potential of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Professional Recognition Award

Presented to an individual who, through his/her professional interaction with individuals with developmental disabilities has contributed significantly to their quality of life.

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The deadline for nominations is February 1st, but don't wait until the last minute. Just go to our website under the "Awards" tab and start recognizing the work of your colleagues today.

Coming in April 2006:

14th Annual Research Day

Research Special Interest Group

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. Last year we had a number of fantastic speakers, with topics including executive functioning and memory strategies, experiences of parent stress, quality of life, and safety dogs for children with autism.

The objectives of the Research Day are to:

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

We welcome research from a variety of areas and a range of topics and applications. For information on how to register or for information on how to submit a talk, poster, or award nomination, please contact:

Research Day Co-Chairs

Alice Prichard (eaprich@yorku.ca) or Helen Penn (hpenn@yorku.ca)

Information is also posted on the OADD website (www.oadd.org).

OADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2005 - 2006

In April, 2005, at the Kempfenfelt Centre in Barrie, the OADD membership held its annual elections for the organization's Board of Directors.

OADD Board Members are elected for two year terms and may serve longer if elected to the position of Chair. (Please visit the OADD website for details of the organization by-laws, or contact a board member.)

To our parting board members, Bette Davis and Jenny Demark, we extend our deepest gratitude for your commitment and hard work. To our new board members, Wade Durling, John Flannery, and Liz Froese, welcome!

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