

# BRIDGES

## VIEW from the CHAIR

An amazing summer has passed and we are into a spectacular fall. Nature's colour extravaganza is magnificent; if you haven't been out to see the changing leaves you are missing an awesome display.

As all things eventually change, so has the Board of Directors for 2012-2013.

We say "Good bye" to three special women. Ann Gunner, a valued member of our Canadian Armed Forces, has been posted to another base. Laurie Schmitt, a devoted single, hard working Mom, has decided she needs some extra time with her family. Pam Tooley has fulfilled her two-year commitment as the elected Self Advocate Representative to the Board. Pam has graciously stepped aside for the newly elected rep. We thank you very much for all your work with the Board of Directors of CLQW. Thank you for caring & taking the time for our Board. We wish you well and good luck in all you do. CLQW Board of Directors would like to extend a warm welcome to Darla Nitsche and Brian Hunter our Self Advocate Representative. Please read their bios in this newsletter.

be used for raised a red flag. Something as simple as attending a recreation program may not be eligible under the new rules. Although attending a YMCA class or other sports related activity could be a huge event for a person with an intellectual challenge, contributing to a healthier life style and integration into the community, SSAH and Passport funding guidelines may not allow payment. From my reading of the new guidelines, the new guidelines will allow the individual to hire a support worker to assist with participation, but the individual cannot pay the required fee to enter or join the program. With the extremely limited resources that people with intellectual disabilities have, what good will paying for a support worker do if the person with an intellectual disability cannot pay for the fees to participate?



**Participating in community activities may not be an option for persons with intellectual disabilities.**

As you my know SSAH and Passport Funding are undergoing changes. If you help support someone currently receiving this funding, you really need to take the time to read the documents outlining the changes being made by the government. Some of the changes look as though they will have serious implications for families who are trying to help their family member become more active and integrated into the community. Funding guidelines concerning Community Participation jumped off the screen at me when I was reading the government's documents. The new guidelines Governing what SSAH and Passport funding can

Many more questions such as these need answers. As we all know, the "devil is in the details" or in this case in the Ministry's interpretation of the how the guidelines will be applied to people with an intellectual disability and their ability to have lives lived within their communities. Please take the time to read the document carefully and if you have questions or comments, please send them to:

The Ministry of Social Services  
Comments on Changes to Passport Program,  
80 Grovenor Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Hepburn Block  
Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1E9

*Michelle Earle*  
**Board Chair**

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### *Live Christmas Wreaths* for sale

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**\$27.00 each**

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All proceeds go to support  
the Compass Program

# 53rd Annual General Meeting

The 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting for Community Living Quinte West was held on September 18<sup>th</sup> at Timber Ridge Golf Course. Master of Ceremonies, Michelle Earle opened the proceedings with a warm welcome to all guests.



Gerald Hoftzyer, CLQW member and representative for friendship Circle, buys a number for the Golf Ball Drop from Darlene Dale while Pam Tooley and Lisa Flanigan look on.

This is the third year that the AGM was opened with a fundraising Golf Ball Drop. The winners this year were Renee Ferguson from Toronto. Renee won a set a golf clubs and bag. Second place winner was Darla Nitsche who won two registrations for our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual *Tee-off for Inclusion* Golf Tournament to be held June 08, 2013.

Ms. Earle introduced several special guests including Bob Wannamaker, Councillor from the City of Quinte West, Jennifer Keilty from FOCUS Accreditation and Theresa Somerton from Community Living Ontario. One very special guest was Sarah Smith, a supporter of Community Living Quinte West, who is 93 years old. Mrs. Smith lives independently and is very active in the community. She received flowers in recognition of her determination and positive outlook. Ms. Earle then spoke about the challenges all community living organizations are facing and she praised the accomplishments of Community Living Quinte West.

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Starr Olsen, Executive Director, spoke on the theme of *Hobson's Choice*, the situation she believes the developmental sector finds itself today. She characterized the sector's choices as being a "take it or leave it" type of situation as the government fails to provide any increase in funding but requires no reduction in services while the cost of living and providing for people receiving services continues to rise.

The Keynote Speaker was Dr. Robert Hickey, professor of Labour Relations in the School of Policy Studies at Queen's University. Dr. Hickey's theme was "Growing Pains: Disability Services and Community Life". Dr. Hickey noted that the sector is in the midst of a struggle, trying to meet the demands of Ministry and the needs of families. He told the audience that collective conflict is necessary for social progress.

After the business portion of the AGM, Awards of Distinction were presented to John Klein of NoZac Carpentry, Dan Clost of Dan Clost's Landscapes and Barb Bamber and Carl Smith, community members, as Benefactors of the Year. All of these people provided exceptional support to CLQW over the past year. There were two recipients of the Community Partnership Award, the Upper Canada Chapter - Landscape Ontario and was accepted by Judy Bell of Picture Perfect Landscaping and the Quinte Community Greenhouse and Gardens and was accepted by Hazel Berthiaume. The Business Recognition Award went to Connon Nurseries and was accepted by Steven Poole.

Each year Community Living Quinte West awards two scholarships to students continuing in post secondary education that supports some aspect of developmental services. This year the scholarships went to Dezarae

Flanigan from Trenton High School and Kimberlyn Noble of ENSS. Both young women will be entering the Development Service Worker Program.

Last Spring one of CLQW's supported people provided much needed help to one of the residential staff. The staff member had fallen at one of the group homes and was badly injured.

Marshall Lawes through his quick thinking had assisted her the best he could and then called for help. He stayed with the staff

member providing comfort until assistance arrived. Marshall was honored for his compassion and willingness to assist.

Staff Service Awards and Staff Recognition Awards were handed out. Please read about them on page 4 of this newsletter.

The election of the Board of Directors followed. Darla Nitsche and Brian Hunter were elected as new members and Michelle Earle was re-elected. The Annual General Meeting concluded with the swearing in of the 2012-2013 Board of Directors by Pam Tooley who is supported by Community Living Quinte West.

**Starr Olsen**  
Executive Director



Marshall being congratulated by Lisa Flanigan.

## New Board Members



We are very pleased to welcome Darla Nitsche as a new CLQW Board member. We are very fortunate to have Darla as she has extensive experience as a Board member. Darla comes to Community living Quinte West after service on non-profit boards for most of her adult life. Darla has serviced on the board of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in New Brunswick, as a treasurer for St Luke's, the Chapel at Gagetown, New Brunswick and the Canadian Forces Base Military Family Resource Centre at Gagetown. More recently Darla serves on the Canadian Mental Health Board in Belleville. When asked why she likes serving on Boards, she said she picks the boards to support social issues and ideas in which she believes and where she thinks she can make a difference. Darla related the connection she had many years ago with a young girl with an intellectual disability and what an affect that it had on her thinking about the importance of inclusion for all people. Darla wants to help support this very important issue for all people with intellectual disabilities. Darla has also been active in the Christmas Sharing Program for her church where she assisted in providing groceries for 24 families last Christmas. Darla is married with two daughters. Her husband has 11 years experience in the military, spending part of that time as a member of the disaster relief team DART. We are very pleased and fortunate to have Darla on the CLQW Board.



The other one of our new Board members is Brian Hunter. Brian is the representative for The Self Advocates Committee and represents their views on the Board. Brian is very active in the organization. He is a member of the Person Centered Plan Auditing Committee. In this role he is part of a committee that reviews plans to be sure they meet the criteria for strong plans and are meaningful and fulfilling for the person's life. Brian is a whiz in the technology world. He is very skilled in his computer skills and loves game playing. Brian works full-time at PawsActive Doggie Daycare and has helped organize and promote the PawsActive Doggie Daycare's participation in Barks ByThe Bay and in the Trenton Santa Clause Parade. Brian is an active golfer. His team won the HELMS Golf Tournament and he played with a team in **Tee-Off for Inclusion**, CLQW's annual fundraising golf tournament. Brian is very interested in the Japanese culture. In 2013 he has plans to visit Toronto the weekend of May 24-26 for Anime North 2013. We are pleased that Brian has chosen to share his insights and energy by being a member of the Board of CLQW.

### Mark Your Calendars!

Dance the night away with

### **The Reasons**

Friday, November 16, 2012

9:00 p.m.—1:00 a.m.

at the Trenton Legion

\$15 per person

A light lunch will be served

Call 613-394-2302 for your ticket

# We Would Like Your Feedback

Every year the Board of Community Living Quinte West reviews the strategic priorities for the agency. The Board discusses the priorities and hears from the Executive Director and Leadership Team as to how successful the agency has been in achieving the priorities set the previous year. The Board reviews input from stake holders which include families, community partners, staff and people supported by the agency.

We would like your help. The Board is seeking input from you concerning the services provided by the agency. Please review the priorities listed below and let us know any thing that you believe is working well and those things you would like to see improved.

Please be sure to visit our website at [www.clqw.ca](http://www.clqw.ca) to see what the agency is doing.

You can provide feedback to us by mail, e-mail or fax at the following addresses and number.

## Mail:

Strategic Priority Feedback  
Community Living Quinte West  
52 Lafferty Road  
Trenton, ON K8V 5P7

## E-mail:

[commuitylivingquintewest@clqw.ca](mailto:commuitylivingquintewest@clqw.ca)

Fax: 613-394-0381

## Strategic Priorities 2012 -13

### 1. Achieving Accreditation

Will achieve accreditation by Spring 2013

### 2. Increasing Financial Capacity

Looking for other revenue sources  
Increase fundraising activities including 3<sup>rd</sup> party  
Apply for grants  
Increase income opportunities for PawsActive Doggie Daycare

### 3. Developing Systems and Processes

New system of Person Centered Planning

Quality Assurance Measures in place  
Increased Professional Development  
Increased Staff Training  
Redesign of the Web site  
Development of Facebook Page  
Audit Process for Individuals' Finances  
Redesigning Marketing Materials

### 4. Community Inclusion and Recognition

Increasing Speaking Engagements  
Re-design of Compass Program  
Continuation of CLQW Scholarship

### 5. Alternative Housing Options

Family Homes increased from 1 to 2

### 6. Increased Political Advocacy

Increased contact with MPP, MP, and mayor to keep concerns in the forefront

Your participation is very much appreciated. Thank you.

## Staff Recognition

Staff Recognition Awards are awarded to staff who are nominated by their peers for going beyond the expected. Darlene Dale and Penny Keenan received the Commitment to Professional Development for taking courses that enhance their on-the-job skills; Commitment to Community Development and Social Wellbeing went to Connie McLean for her implementation and promotion of the Peer Acceptance Leads to Success (PALS) at Trenton High School; Innovator of the Year went to Pat De-

line for her development and implementation of communication programs for the iPad which allow individuals to have a stronger voice; Angela Horsley accepted the Exceptional Personal Support and Planning Award for her strong advocacy as a primary counsellor; the Creative Teacher of the Year Award went to Jennifer Frizzell, Connie McLean, and Sarah Sharkey for their creativity in the classroom; the Leadership Award went to Darlene Dale and Jennifer Frizzell for their revamping of the

Compass Program, to Mike Sagriff for making the baseball team a reality, to Toni Kirby for her work with the HELMS program.

Staff Service Awards were presented to Audrey Lemieux, Jessica Parisian and Starr Olsen for their five years of service; Connie McLean and Kelly Cloutier were recognized for ten years of service, and Sarah Sharkey received her 15 year service award.

*Starr Olsen,  
Executive Director*

## Each Verse a Universe

When I think of Jack Layton, I think of a sky full of stars.

Writing half a century ago, Quebec-based jurist-poet and CCF cofounder Frank Scott understood that human beings live their lives in patterns that are microcosms of the universe and its enduring laws. “Each verse/a universe,” wrote Scott. Equality and stewardship, and service and love—these were the principles that shaped Jack Layton’s very public life.

I met Jack directly only twice. I don’t want to make too much of these encounters, but for me they were significant. He was a strong and intelligent force of nature, and if you weren’t affected by your interaction with him, you were simply not alert to the wonders of life.

The first time I met Jack was at a state dinner for the Prime Minister of Vietnam, held at the National Gallery in Ottawa on a warm evening in late June 2005. Paul Martin, the Prime Minister of the day, escorted the guest of honour up the long hallway and into the great glass rotunda. Dignified and calm, Jack followed on his own behind the official party, eventually sitting at a table in the audience like the rest of us, though, unlike the rest of us, he received a nod of welcome directly from Mr. Martin.

During the speeches, I occasionally looked over at Jack: his curiosity, intellect and civility were evident at all times, as was his sense of humour, his joie de vivre. The head table speeches were boilerplate, but Vietnam is such a fascinating, complex and promising country that the whole event triggered stimulating discussions at every table. Noisy, positive energy filled the big room,

and Jack was in the middle of it, loving it all.

Later, as I was leaving, I saw Jack striding toward the door and held it open for him. “How did you like it?” he asked. Somewhat taken aback I said, unimaginatively, “Vietnam’s an important country.” “You’re right,” said Jack, immediately making me feel comfortable (and a bit like a genius pundit). We walked toward the Chateau Laurier, quickly immersed in a real conversation about the need for Canada to expand trade in southeast Asia, a region he clearly (and not surprisingly) knew a lot about. Much too soon for me, he said goodnight. I watched him, still fit and energetic at midnight, cross the street under a canopy of bright stars. They shone. And he shone.

My second interaction with Jack was at a leader’s roundtable on economic policy, held in the West Block on Parliament Hill in mid-July, 2009. Along with twenty other academics, union staffers, politicians, I had been invited by his senior policy advisor, Peter Puxley, to present my ideas on business and employment creation. Participants included Ed Broadbent, Olivia Chow, and Peggy Nash, all of whom had very smart things to say. Jack presided, listening intently, asking pointed questions, and showing not only that he’d been thinking a lot about these matters but also that he was already two or three steps ahead of us. Gracious, welcoming, serious, Jack had clearly grown as a national leader.

He now had political and intellectual momentum, and he signaled to every roundtable member that he wanted their best stuff, their most thoughtful, actionable policy recommendations.

The world was, haltingly, just coming out of the 2008 debt crisis, and economic policy was a high-stakes enterprise, as it still is. We all tried hard to make our contributions succinct and practical, and Jack kept the conversation moving forward, crisp and efficient, continuously connecting people and ideas.

When it was all over, he thanked everyone personally. We hugged. He had been working out, and so, fortunately, had I; it was probably one of the more forceful social-democratic embraces that summer, and we were both delighted. You could build an NDP-Liberal coalition around a hug like that, I thought as I left the building, and I later blogged about what such a coalition would look like, and might actually do.

I also thought of a sky full of stars. Jack Layton had shone again—in fact, he had been luminous—from the beginning of the session until its very last moment. He had put it all together: energy, wit, focus, good cheer, vision and, well, wisdom. We all wanted to work with him to build a better Canada. On that day, in that room in the West Block, it was clear to all of us that Jack would make a fine Prime Minister. It would later become evident to millions of other Canadians.

Sky full of stars. Each verse a universe.

*Ted Jackson, a faculty member in the School of Public Policy and Administration, was among a group of people asked to write about their memories of Jack Layton. These memories are compiled in a book called *Love, Hope and Optimism: An informal portrait of Jack Layton by those who knew him* (edited by James L. Turk and Charis Wahl). It has been reprinted with the permission of the James Lorimer & Company Ltd.*

## PAWS Christmas Plans

Christmas is coming and what an exciting and busy time for us here at the doggie daycare. We are busily preparing for many Christmas festivities such as the Trenton Santa Claus Parade which will take place on Sunday November 25th. We will once again have a float in the parade as well as many of our four-legged customers walking alongside. We will be handing out business cards attached to candy canes and we hope to reach a lot more new customers who may not know of us yet.

Jen and Nicole will be attending this year's GroomFest in Toronto.

We hope to find great educational seminars on new grooming techniques that will give us the edge on new and becoming grooming products. We enjoy learning what's new in the world of grooming and be able to pass new techniques on to you, our customers. We are expecting an even busier year here at the daycare than in the past years, with our grooming side of the business growing by the day.

We are seeing more new faces, both puppies and adult dogs coming to join our crazy energetic daycare group; it definitely makes the time fly every day!

Please don't forget to book in your four-legged family member for their holiday spa day so they look extra special for this holiday season. We are already booking for the month of December so book now to ensure your spot!

I would like to thank all the many staff and volunteers that it takes to make this a joyous place to work.

From the staff at PawsActive Doggie Daycare we would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday season. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2013.

### CLQW MISSION STATEMENT

Community Living Quinte West is committed to the provision of supports that will assist individuals with an intellectual disability to live, work and play as integrated and valued members of their community.

### CLQW VISION STATEMENT

Community Living Quinte West is a non-profit organization supporting individuals with an intellectual disability in their efforts to participate in their community.

### CLQW is committed to:

- a person's right to make real, self-defined choices;
- the provision of supports and resources allowing every person to exercise their rights, privileges, and obligations as full community members;
- enhancement of the emotional, social, educational, vocational and spiritual well being of each individual.

Recognizing the fundamental rights and unique potential of all, CLQW advocates for inclusion of each individual with intellectual disabilities to all aspects of community life.

Memberships expire December 31, 2012. Renew yours today.

## Tips on Winter Pet Care

It's that time of year again, leaves start falling leaving the trees looking bare, clocks fall back an hour making our days seem even longer, dark in the morning and dark at night when we return to our homes. Now is the time to snuggle up in front of a fireplace with a warm kitty on your lap and a puppy at your feet or both if you are lucky.

Before you settle in for a winter full of snuggles, take some time to learn how to keep your animals warm and comfortable. Cold weather can be difficult for your four legged pets as animals become accustomed to the warm shelter of the indoors.

### **Here are some tips to keep in mind for the winter months:**

Take your animals to the vet for a winter check-up to make sure all is well and they do not have any medical concerns that may leave them more vulnerable during the colder months.

Keep your pets inside as much as you can even if they are accustomed to being outside, especially when the mercury drops. On the really cold days take them outside with you and when the temperature gets too cold for you to

handle, then it is probably time to bring them in as well.

If you do leave them outside for a short period of time make sure that they have proper insulated shelter against the cold winds, thick bedding and plenty of water. Keeping water from freezing is essential.

Remember that certain breeds will do better outside in the colder temperatures than others. Longer haired breeds will do better than short haired breeds. Smaller dogs or cats that have to wade shoulder deep in the snow will feel the cold sooner than bigger breeds which can clear their own path. Help your little guys out and clear a little pathway for them so they can move more easily.

Cats will curl up to just about anything. A warm engine can seem like an inviting place to nap if the weather outside is cold. Be aware and check beneath your car before you turn it on; tap on your hood or even blow your horn to startle a sleeping cat. Cats caught in engine parts could be seriously hurt or killed.

If you live near a pond or lake be cautious about letting your rambunctious dog off leash. Animals can easily fall through the ice and it is very difficult for them to escape on their own.

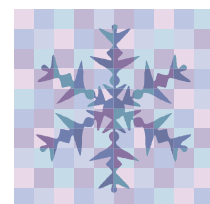
Remember to check your pet`s

feet in the winter months for the ice, salt, and rocks that can become lodged between their pads. Animals can also become burned from chemicals in the substances used to keep walks and roads clear of ice and snow. When your animal comes in from outside have a warm cloth and wipe down each paw. For ice that is lodged between the pads, you may need to use a pan of warm water to get the ice out.

Be particularly gentle with elderly or arthritic animals during the winter months. Cold can leave their joints extremely stiff and tender, try to make them as comfortable as possible and make sure they have a nice thick soft bed in a warm room for those chilly nights.

Winter can be a beautiful time of the year but also a dangerous one for your animal friends but if you will follow these tips it doesn't need to be. From the staff at Paws Active Doggie Daycare wishing you and your four legged children a happy and safe winter!!

*Nicole Johnson  
Assistant Supervisor, PADD*



# Ministry Updates

## Adoption of Resolution for Select Committee

On September 20th the legislature adopted a resolution that would allow for a select committee that would be charged with addressing the issues facing families with members who have an intellectual disability. This committee would be similar to the one stuck to address mental health issues. The forming of this committee is significant as it may provide this sector to have a voice that can bring forward some of the problems and hardships families and individuals are having in light of the severe economic restraints. This is a non-partisan committee and it is hoped political difference will be overcome to arrive at some kind of solution to the problems this sector is facing.

## Proposed Wage Restraints and Changes to Collective Bargaining in the Broader Public Sector

Hicks Morley, a well-known law firm in Toronto, provided insights into the new proposed wage constraint legislation being proposed by the McGuinty government. This legislation, if enacted, will make significant changes to the collective bargaining process. Last week in Hicks Morley FTR NOW Newsletter the firm stated, "On September 26, 2012, the Ontario Minister of Finance announced draft omnibus legislation, the *Protecting Public Services Act, 2012* (the "Draft Bill"), which would implement new compensation restraint measures for the Broader Public Sector ("BPS"), and would impose a significant new provincially mandated collective bargaining regime. The Draft Bill would also make changes to the interest arbitration process that applies to various portions of the

Page 8 BPS".

The legislation affects non-bargaining employees in the Broader Public Sector and would impose a wage cap set at no more than two times the Premier's annual salary. Also included in the legislation is a two-year restraint on compensation of performance pay. The legislation would also allow the Government to establish restraints on the collective agreements and would allow the Government to impose collective agreements after consultation with the parties. In the Hicks Morley summary of the legislation, they state "The Draft Bill would re-introduce certain amendments to the interest arbitration process under various statutes....". Currently this bill is not before the legislature but is anticipated to move forward over the next few months.

## Trying to Understand SSAH and Passport Funding Revisions

In July, 2011 the Developmental Service Act (DSA) was repealed and in its place The Services and Supports to Promote the Social Inclusion of Person with Developmental Disabilities Act (SIPDDA) came into law. Adults with a developmental disability who were eligible to receive supports and services under the DSA were now eligible to receive supports under the SIPDDA. However, it soon became clear that Special Services at Home Funding and the Passport Program are funded by the Ministry of Community and Social Services which meant that families receiving this type of funding were not automatically eligible under SIPDDA, the new legislation. The Government is moving to rectify this problem and is enacting new regulation that would make the groups of people identified in the following eligible for services and supports under SIPDDA. The transfer of

eligibility will be automatic and the regulation will not affect people who are already receiving adult developmental service and supports or are waiting to receive them.

The Regulation has not yet come into effect and the Ministry of Community and Social Services would like feedback on the regulation. The new regulation has changed how the funding can be spent and in some instance is more restrictive allowing families less freedom to sue the funding to support their family member with a developmental disability. The Ministry needs to hear how these changes will affect people with developmental disabilities. The draft regulation is posted on the Government of Ontario's Regulatory Registry or you can visit the website by entering <http://www.mcscs.gov.on.ca/en/mcscs/programs/developmental/regulation.aspx>

You have three choices as to how you wish to respond by November 5, 2012.

1. Ministry of Community and Social Services  
80 Grosvenor Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
Hepburn Building  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1E9
2. Fax: 416 325-5554 or toll free  
1-866-340-9112
3. E-mail: [dtransformation.mcscs@css.gov.on.ca](mailto:dtransformation.mcscs@css.gov.on.ca)

Please read the regulation and comment on how it may affect you and your family.



# How would the proposed regulation affect your eligibility for adult developmental services?



**if you are an adult**  
who transitioned from SSAH  
to Passport on April 1, 2012

You would automatically  
be eligible for adult  
developmental services and  
supports under SIPDDA.

You would continue to  
receive the same amount  
of funding until your needs  
are re-assessed.

We would give you  
more information about  
next steps.

**if you are an adult**  
who was on the waitlist for  
SSAH funding

You would automatically  
be eligible for adult  
developmental services and  
supports under SIPDDA.

DSO would contact you  
in the future to assess  
your needs.

When services and  
supports are available  
DSO would let you know.

**if you are an adult**  
who applied for and were found  
eligible for adult services and  
supports under the DSA between  
January 1, 2011, and June 30, 2011

You would continue to be  
eligible for adult  
developmental services and  
supports under SIPDDA.\*\*

When services and  
supports are available  
DSO would let you know.

For information about how the proposed regulation  
impacts children, please see reverse side.

- DSA – Developmental Services Act
- DSO – Developmental Services Ontario
- SSAH – Special Services at Home Program
- SIPDDA – The Services and Supports to Promote the Social Inclusion of Persons with Developmental Disabilities Act

\*\* All adults who received or were on the waitlist for services under the DSA prior to January 1, 2011, have already been deemed eligible under SIPDDA.

# How would the proposed regulation affect your eligibility for adult developmental services?



**if your child** receives SSAH funding, and will turn 18 by March 31, 2013

Your child would automatically be eligible for adult developmental services and supports under SIPDDA upon turning 18.\*

Until your child turns 18, you would receive the funding through SSAH. After that, your child would receive it through the Passport Program until their needs are re-assessed.

Your child may also be eligible for support through ODSP upon turning 18.

We would be giving you more information about next steps.

**if your child** will turn 18 by March 31, 2013 and is on the waitlist for SSAH funding

Your child turning 18 would automatically be eligible for adult developmental services and supports under SIPDDA.\*

DSO would contact you to assess your child's needs. When services and supports are available DSO would let you know.

Your child may also be eligible for support through ODSP upon turning 18.

**if your child** receives or is waiting for SSAH funding, and will turn 18 after March 31, 2013

When your child turns 18, they will no longer be eligible for the SSAH program.

Your child may be eligible for support through ODSP upon turning 18.

Your child may apply for adult developmental services and supports through DSO.

- DSO – Developmental Services Ontario
- ODSP – Ontario Disability Support Program
- SSAH – Special Services at Home Program
- SIPDDA – The Services and Supports to Promote the Social Inclusion of Persons with Developmental Disabilities Act

For information about how the proposed regulation impacts adults, please see reverse side.

\* This only applies to children with a developmental disability.