



Haldimand & Norfolk Seniors Partnership



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Project Goals

To increase region wide community capacity for aging individuals with a developmental disability to have full citizenship

To enhance community planning and service capacity for the aging population by CL service providers and services provided and available to all aging citizens in Haldimand and Norfolk



To facilitate access to mainstream adult and seniors residential and community support services as a right of citizenship for persons with a developmental disability



To consult with and engage mainstream adult and seniors residential and community support services providers with a view to strengthening community service capacity and move to a more integrated planning for and delivery of services to persons with a developmental disability who are aging



To increase consumer and family, stakeholder, service provider and community awareness of the needs of and conditions related to persons with a developmental disability who are aging



To increase consumer and family, stakeholder, service provider and community awareness of the need for preplanning for meeting the needs of persons with a developmental disability who are aging



To increase consumer and family, stakeholder, service provider and community identification of persons with a developmental disability who are unknown to service providers in order to avoid requiring intervention at times of crisis without the ability to plan appropriate services



Work in Progress: 2006

Haldimand Norfolk (HN) Service Providers for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (DD) decide to jointly undertake the project as a partnership

Project terms of reference developed and consultants hired

Initial focus on identification of data required, gathering and analysis of data, a literature search and discussions with informants

Compiled data on the number of individuals potentially requiring long-term care services including:



- Age distribution of clients
- People with Down Syndrome and presumed or potential symptoms of
- Alzheimer disease or other dementias
- Others with presumed or potential symptoms of Alzheimer disease or other dementias
- Number of people approaching retirement
- Number of people on waiting lists for services

Project was shared along with the data gathered with fifteen mainstream adult and long-term care residential and community support services agencies across HN including:

- Community support services
- Long-term care homes
- Recreation services
- HN Alzheimer Society
- Community Care Access Centre
- Municipal social services
- Hospitals
- Specialist geriatric services



Agencies identified needs for this approach to succeed including needs for increased cross sector:

- Information
- Communication
- Cross training
- Transitional support
- Services





June 21/06 Final Project Report completed by EMC Partners (Chmiel) Inc. (EMC)

Report was prepared and presented to the boards of HN service providers for persons with developmental disabilities and was accepted along with the recommendations which included:
Distribution of the report to agencies that participated in the consultation and discussion of the report with them
Inviting interested agencies to join a broad Seniors Partnership Steering Committee (SC)

August 18/06 Planning & Next Steps Meeting by Haldimand & Norfolk Community Partners

Agencies responded and a Seniors Partnership Steering Committee (SC) was established



2007

SC meeting regularly, developed and implemented a work plan that includes:
Formalizing provision of cross sector information, sharing training resources and opportunities
Inclusion of HN service providers for persons with developmental disabilities on broad based community planning committees and forum including:
Regional Rounds
HN Dementia Network



Network Memberships with Developmental Disability representation
Dementia, Community Response Network, Community Crisis Committee,
RGP, information into Dr.s office through to help encourage early diagnosis
and treatment, Hamilton/Niagara/Haldimand/Brant Local Health Integration
Network, GAIN Geriatric Access and Integration Network



Issue on the Ministry's radar
Attention of local LHINS



Funding applications for continued development
Ministry of Community and Social Services
Seniors Horizons



2008

- Cross training in Gentle Persuasion and U First
- Transitional supports have been planned for and implemented on an individual basis in a collaborative way with DS and LTC
- Promoting and achieving an increased or broader involvement of individuals with disabilities with services for seniors – Advocacy Centre for the Elderly



- DVD developed in collaboration with Fanshawe College
- Ongoing information sharing with OPADD
- Connection with First Link to provide information to health professionals
- Presentations to CONTACT Brant



Public Awareness Campaign - designed and launched, brochure, bookmarks, business contact information cards, news paper ads, posters, education video developed by Fanshawe College students

CONTACT division of Haldimand Norfolk R.E.A.C.H. set up as the contact and connecting agency, for referrals and further information

Generating interest of financial businesses in supporting the campaign and concepts of life planning

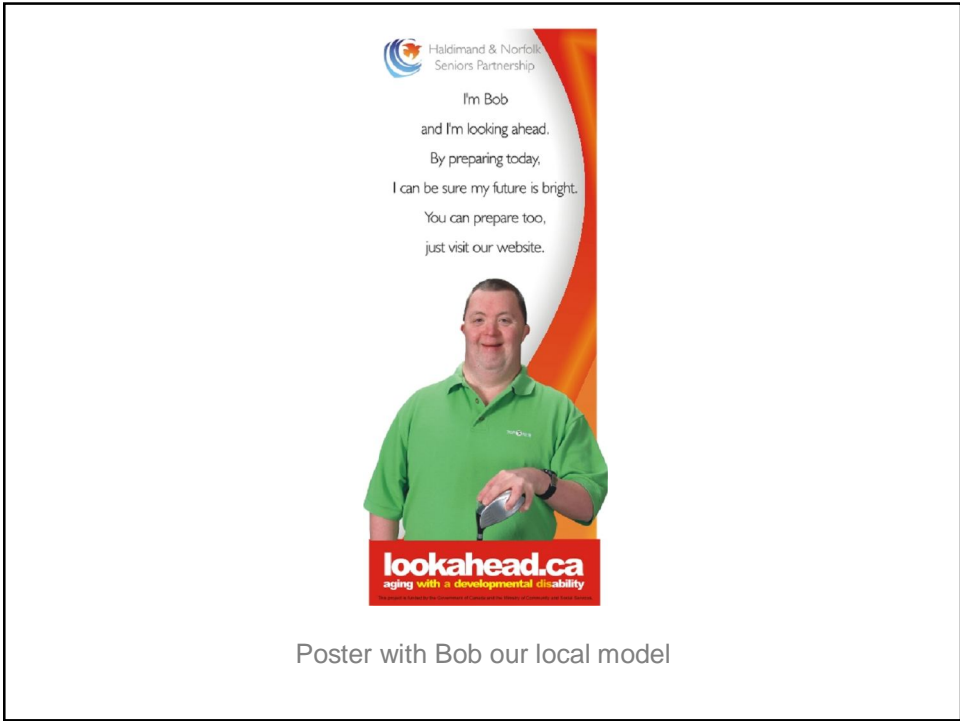


Looking ahead

Campaign Identity and Tag



Banner Layouts for Community Exposure



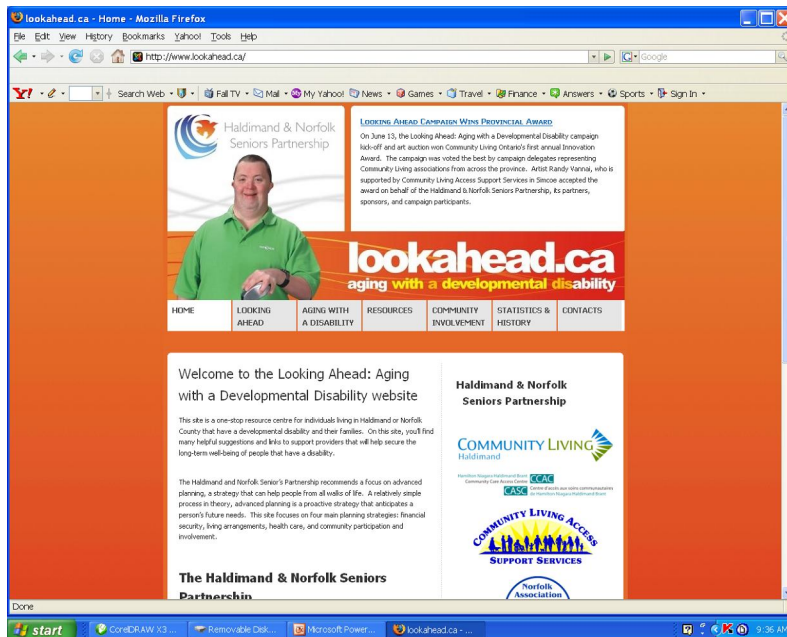
Poster with Bob our local model



VIP Invitation Memory Box Concept



VIP Invitation Memory Box Package



Website



30 second Radio spots using our teams

Our artists prepare artwork for the kick off Art Auction



Photos and stories run in media



**Kick-off raises \$10,000 and
wins Community Living
Ontario Award for Innovation!**



Celebratory Barbeque held to thank everyone for their hard work.



September 08

HNSP recognition and support for two Aging at Home proposals
(Falls Prevention/Wellness/Diabetes and HN Rural Communities
Proposal for Specialized Geriatric Services)



Protocols between Developmental Services and Long Term Care continue to be developed

CAMH – for training dollars for front line staff on dementia recognition to assist in early recognition and potential diagnosis and effective treatment, transition worker



Looking ahead

Future events consist of a Trade Fair that will take our market to services that are geared specifically to them, helping them prepare for a bright future. Spring 2009 timeline.

Challenges

Family members of adults with a developmental disability whom choose to independently support their adult child with a preference to remain anonymous to the service system

Reaching this group to engage them in consideration of Advanced Planning independent of the service system to ensure that appropriate and adequate resources and supports have been established for their adult child in a manner that will avert crisis and the need for inappropriate institutional-long term care placement

Piecing together the funding resources to support the activity of the project

Successes

Innovations Award – Community Living Ontario

Education of artists to the skills and abilities of individuals with a developmental disability

Over 1700 web hits from across Canada, the USA, Great Britain and Mexico

Educational materials have been broadly distributed to family physicians, pharmacies, Long-Term Care facilities, retirement homes, legal and financial institutions, libraries and the information centre

Material distributed to local physicians through First Link partners

Organizers of senior's leisure and recreational programs have approached the project to coordinate their services to seniors with disabilities

RGP have included seniors with developmental disabilities in their case reviews

Haldimand Abilities Centre have expanded their programs to include individuals with a developmental disability

Invited to and participated in development of a joint proposal with Community Addictions and Mental Health and Alzheimer to the LHIN for Aging At Home funds to develop an interdisciplinary Specialized Geriatric Services Program

Work is underway in the development of protocols to assist seniors with disabilities and seniors service providers to assist in providing and coordinating the needed supports across the service sectors and the process to access these

Local planning bodies and networks have expanded to include service representation for seniors with disabilities

The campaign and campaign materials have received very positive reviews
Invitation to participate in the SHRTN Fireside Chats