

# Ontario Special Needs Strategy Update

## for Muskoka/ Parry Sound/Nipissing Region - Sept. 30/2016

### BACKGROUND

The ministries of Children and Youth Services, Community and Social Services, Education and Health and Long-Term Care are moving forward with a strategy to improve services for children and youth with special needs in Ontario guided by the following vision:

***“An Ontario where children and youth with special needs get the timely and effective services they need to participate fully at home, at school, in the community, and as they prepare to achieve their goals for adulthood.”***

Our Region submitted two proposals to the Ministries as required, regarding Coordinated Service Planning and Integrated Delivery of Rehabilitation Services and both were approved.

### IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING

Throughout 2016-17 preparatory activities include the creation of a Coordinated Service Planning Network and an Integrated Delivery of Rehabilitation Services Steering Committee. These committees are charged with overseeing the development of plans to implement a new more integrated system for service delivery.

### MINISTRY TIMELINES

Phased Implementation of a New Service Model begins in April 2017.

#### COORDINATED SERVICE PLANNING

The **CSP Network Advisory Council** has begun working through the *Implementation Markers* provided by the Ministries to create a Work Plan.

Part of this Work Plan includes establishing 2 working groups:

1. Clinical Working Group
2. IT/Privacy Working Group

These two working groups report back to the CSP Network Advisory Council.

Members of the **CSP Network Advisory Council** include:

- Erin Truswell, Children's Aid Society of Nipissing and Parry Sound
- Jennifer Valenti, Community Living North Bay
- Krista Haiduk-Collier, Community Living South Muskoka
- Serge Levac, Conseil scolaire catholique Franco-Nord
- Irène Charette, Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de L'Ontario
- Stephanie Zacharuk, HANDS Thefamilyhelpnetwork.ca
- Susan Wilson, Near North District School Board
- Mary Tasz, North-East Community Care Access Center
- Teresa Bitonti, Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board
- Denis Filiatrault and Adele Kirby, One Kids Place Children's Treatment Centre
- Brenda Wiltshire, Parry Sound District Social Administration Board
- Joy Collins, Simcoe-Muskoka Community Care Access Centre
- Steven Morrow, Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board
- Mary Shirley- Thompson, Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions
- Jennifer Johnston, Trillium Lakelands District School Board

#### INTEGRATED DELIVERY OF REHABILITATION SERVICES

The **IDRS Steering Committee** is working through the Ministries' *Program Guidelines for the Integrated Delivery of Rehabilitation Services* to set direction, develop a communication strategy\*, review and monitor outcome measures, balance resources, address inequities and create a plan for capacity building.

Part of this planning involves creating a Community of Practice (CoP) Working Group which is to ensure clinical representation while being mindful of minimizing disruption to service delivery. This group reports back to the IDRS Steering Committee.

Members of the **IDRS Steering Committee** include:

- Krystal Speiss, Community Living North Bay
- Serge Levac, Conseil scolaire catholique Franco-Nord
- Irène Charette, Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de L'Ontario
- Susan Wilson, Near North District School Board
- Mary Tasz, North-East Community Care Access Center
- Teresa Bitonti, Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board
- Adele Kirby, Denis Filiatrault and Louise Summersby, One Kids Place Children's Treatment Centre
- Joy Collins, Simcoe-Muskoka Community Care Access Centre
- Steve Morrow, Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board
- Jennifer Johnston, Trillium Lakelands District School Board

\* Regular updates will be provided as part of the communication strategy