



Ontario Agencies Supporting Individuals with Special Needs
Agences ontariennes de soutien pour les personnes qui ont des besoins spéciaux

CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS

“Celebrate & Innovate: preparing for tomorrow”

OASIS Conference
May 11–13, 2011
Delta Chelsea Hotel, Toronto

The 2011 OASIS Conference Program Committee is accepting session proposals that showcase new and innovative ideas and best practices locally, provincially, nationally and internationally in the areas of:

- supports and services to individuals with an intellectual disability and their families, and
- governance, leadership and change management in service delivery agencies

Audience

Conference participants are Executive Directors/CEOs, Board members and the senior management staff of service delivery agencies who are members of OASIS. Between 300–350 people are expected to attend the workshops and tradeshow.

Streams/Topics

Sessions should fall within one of the following three streams:

- ❖ Changes and Challenges
- ❖ Collaboration
- ❖ Choice

In selecting a focus you may wish to consider the following topics which have been identified of interest to OASIS members:

- implementation of new legislation/regulations
- evolution of private service providers
- supporting individuals waiting for service
- introduction of application and funding entities
- succession planning
- abuse prevention
- elder care and end-of-life
- community inclusion – equity and access
- transition planning
- building coalitions, collaborations, partnerships – agencies, ministries and families working together
- shared services; pros and cons of amalgamation
- entrepreneurship within a collaborative model
- developing meaningful partnerships within the community
- families and agencies involved in a continuum of support
- developing a communication plan
- creating a community based self advocate movement
- planning for employment opportunities

Proposals on other topics of interest will also be considered.

Proposal Content (Session Proposal form attached)

Proposals must include the following information:

- Session title
- Key message(s)
- Description of session including rationale, goals and objectives, method of presentation (maximum 350 words)
- Copies of any handouts
- Audio visual requirements
- Presenter(s) and affiliation, if any

- Primary contact (name, phone number and email address)

Submission

The deadline for submission is **October 15, 2010**.

Proposals should be submitted electronically to: kswaffield@cltoronto.ca

For further information, please contact:

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Please feel to forward this Call for Session Proposals to anyone you feel would be able to make a contribution to this conference.

Presenter's Policy

Lunch will be provided for anyone who is invited to present at the Conference. All travel, accommodations and other related costs are the responsibility of the presenter(s).



Mission Statement

*To facilitate the sharing of ideas, resources, systems and information.
OASIS will liaise with Government on behalf of member organizations,
with the goal of improving the development of cost effective, quality support
for individuals with developmental disabilities.*