



# News Digest

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## *Message from the President*

On November 2, 2016 OASIS held its 2nd Annual Queen's Park Information Day which was a great success. David Barber, Past President, Darren Connolly, Vice President Volunteer, Michelle Marshall, Vice President Executive Director and myself represented OASIS at the various meetings. In addition we hosted a meet and greet for MPP's and Government staff that evening. I would also like to express my thanks to Roxanna Spruyt-Rocks who joined us from the Communications and Public Relations Strategies Committee to help spread the OASIS message at the meet and greet. We were able to deliver our key messages on pay equity and the Gender Wage Gap recommendations, concerns regarding how funding is being flowed fiscally, the Ombudsman Report, and training and tools for agencies regarding accessibility issues, to name a few of the topics covered during our day of discussions. The following is a list of the people we met with during the day:

Kevin Flynn, Minister of Labour and his policy staff  
James Janeiro, Senior Policy Advisor, Policy Research, Office of the Premier  
Monique Taylor, NDP, Vice Chair Standing Committee on Estimates, Critic Children & Youth Services  
Randy Pettapiece, PC, Critic Community and Social Services  
Alexi White, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the President of the Treasury Board  
Tracy MacCharles, Minister Responsible for Accessibility, and Minister Responsible for Women's Issues and her policy advisor  
Helena Jaczek, Minister Community and Social Services, Jonathan Bradshaw, Senior Policy Advisor, and Karen Chan, Assistant Deputy Minister  
Granville Anderson, Parliamentary Assistant, Ministry of Education

We were informed that the committee to address the recommendations from the Gender Wage Gap Steering Committee is in the process of being formed and will include a representative from the Developmental Services Sector. The committee is expected to start meeting at the end of November. Minister Jaczek, Randy Pettapiece, and Minister MacCharles have all agreed to approach Minister Flynn to ensure that OASIS has representation on this committee.

OASIS is considering the development of a scorecard so we can monitor the progress on Pay Equity and the recommendations contained within the Gender Wage Gap Steering Committee report and the Ombudsman's report.

I recently received an email from the Minister's office to notify OASIS of the opportunity to share feedback, experiences and ideas on how best to design a Basic Income Pilot. I encourage all OASIS' members to review the material and give consideration to attending a consultation session or provide feedback. The Board will be developing a position paper

on this issue prior to the deadline for submission. Please see the link below to the information. Michelle Marshall will be the Board Representative for OASIS and to take our messages forward. Members are encouraged to forward copies of your submissions so that we can review and consider including your messages within our position paper.

For details on consultation sessions and to register for a session, please visit [ontario.ca/basicincome](http://ontario.ca/basicincome).

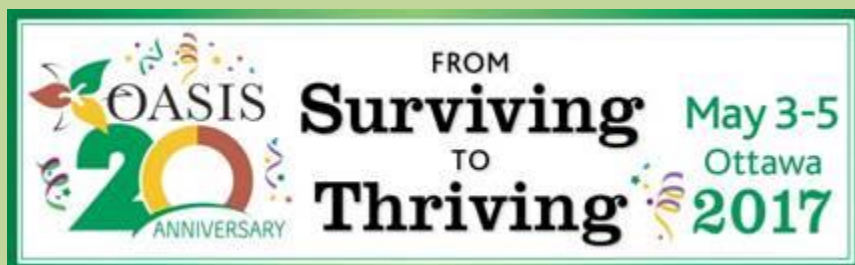
Learn more:

[Basic Income Discussion Paper](#)

[Consultation guide for the Basic Income Pilot Project](#)

The next meeting of the OASIS Board of Directors will take place on November 30 and December 1, 2016 in Hamilton. Members are encouraged and always welcome to attend Board meetings, please contact Amanda Brown [administrativesupport@oasisonline.ca](mailto:administrativesupport@oasisonline.ca) to let us know you will be in attendance and we will provide you with the meeting details. This is a great opportunity for new and seasoned Executive Directors to learn about what is happening within the sector, the work that we are engaged in and for us to hear from you. We welcome you to join us or contact me prior to the meeting to share your ideas and concerns. I can be reached by email at [president@oasisonline.ca](mailto:president@oasisonline.ca) or by phone at 705-645-6290.

Sincerely,  
Ann Kenney  
President, OASIS



*Message from the  
OASIS 2017  
Conference Planning  
Committee  
[Save the Date!](#)*

Have you reserved the dates of May 3rd to 5th,

2017? You will want to! This 20th Anniversary celebratory conference will be a fun filled event that promises content that will challenge your thoughts on service delivery and visions for the future! You will not want to miss it! And at the same time, you will be in Canada's national capital as Canada celebrates 150 years as a nation!

There is plenty of behind-the-scenes work going on for OASIS 2017..... our Committee is excited about the plans being made and the membership will be notified of all of these plans in the next 2 months! We are working towards having our final program published on the website January 9th, 2017.

This month we are:

- releasing the OASIS 2017 Sponsorship & Exhibitor Prospectus to our industry partners
- continuing to work on a dynamic program of plenary speakers and workshops

- finalizing all of the details for our exciting extracurricular events
- compiling our brochure, and
- confirming our 20th anniversary celebrations!

### ***Links Included in this Issue...***

Basic Income Pilot Consultations: [ontario.ca/basicincome](http://ontario.ca/basicincome).

OASIS Labour Relations Information Session – January 19, 2017: [LR Information Session](#)

OASIS Bi-Monthly Newsletter for September 2016: [September 2016](#)

PSHSA OASIS Affiliate Page Web Tutorials: [Infectious Diseases](#)

Provincial Network September 2016 Meeting Minutes Summary: [September 22, 2016 PN Meeting Minutes Summary](#)

OASIS September Board Meeting Minutes: [OASIS Board Meeting Minutes September 7-8, 2016](#)

OASIS Four Pillars: [Four Pillars](#)

OASIS Board and Executive Meeting Schedule for 2016-2017: [Meeting Schedule 2016-2017](#)

OASIS Strategic Work Plan 2013-2016, Updated May 17, 2016: [OASIS Strategic Work Plan 2013-2016](#)

OASIS 2016-2017 Board of Directors Contact Information: [OASIS Board of Directors 2016-2017 Contact Information](#)

Current OASIS Membership List: [OASIS Member Listing](#)

Strategic Program Investments (SPI) - Notice of Application: [SPI - Notice of Application](#)

Government of Canada Consultation – [What Does an Accessible Canada Mean to You?](#)