



*Family Alliance Ontario
represents people with
disabilities, their
families and friends*

FAO is a well-respected, family-based, non-profit organization dedicated to supporting families and transforming the delivery of developmental support services in Ontario. We continue to represent the family perspective at the Partnership Table as part of the MCSS Transformation Process.

Our goals are to:

- Be a strong family voice for change
- Support individuals and families to achieve inclusion
- Promote choice and control of supports
- Promote options including direct funding
- Work with local family-directed groups
- Help increase knowledge and advocacy skills

Our volunteer leadership is supported and encouraged when we connect with other families who share our goals and beliefs. Together we can promote change more effectively and let policy-makers hear a strong family voice.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Join your voice to ours and become a member of FAO. For an annual fee of \$25 you can help us make a positive difference in the lives of families. Your contribution supports the dissemination of information on our website, our annual conference and newsletter, The Compass. We hope to see you in Ottawa!

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Contactons nous pour les services d'interprétation

OTTAWA

The FAO Conference provides a wonderful opportunity to visit the nation's capital.

- Canadian Museum of Civilization
- National Gallery of Canada
- Trips on the Rideau Canal
- Parliament Hill
- Byward Market and so much more!

Also this weekend, a group of Creative Collaborators representative of Canada's regional diversity will illustrate the history and stories of developmental disability in 70 tent installations in an Encampment on Parliament Hill.



TRAVELODGE OTTAWA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE

Our conference hotel is a CAA/AAA 3-Diamond Full Service Property boasting 20,000 sq. ft. of meeting space, high speed wireless Internet and exceptional customer service. The hotel is also home to Ottawa's largest indoor hotel water park featuring a wave pool, slide, hot tub, splash arcade and fitness facilities. It is conveniently situated at 417 highway (Queensway) and Carling Avenue (exit 124), minutes from downtown and major attractions. Complimentary parking.

Room rate for Conference participants is \$119.00 per night plus applicable taxes for bookings received by September 1, 2008. Book directly with hotel at 613-722-7600 and quote FAOA to obtain this special rate.



Family Alliance *Ontario*

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OTTAWA

October 3 - 5, 2008



Engaging Families & Building Bridges

*In Partnership With
Families Matter Co-op
Lifetime Networks Ottawa
Citizen Advocacy Ottawa*

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ABOUT THIS CONFERENCE

The Family Alliance Ontario Annual Conference brings together families, leaders in disability activism, government and agency representatives, and many others involved in the area of disability. We look forward to meeting you in Ottawa to share ideas, inspiration and strategies and to move forward an agenda for change.

THIS CONFERENCE FEATURES:

- Renowned local, provincial and international speakers on many topics
- Thought-provoking views on citizenship and participation
- Inspiring examples of community inclusion
- Strategies for planning and transition
- Innovative ideas for residential options
- Latest news about the MCSS Transformation process
- Opportunities to network with other families
- Forums for working towards social change

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This Conference is of interest to families and community members, including:

- Persons with a disability
- Family members and friends
- People working in this field of disability
- Direct support personnel
- Service agency or Ministry staff
- Advocates and allies

REGISTRATION

Conference Registration Forms are available at www.family-alliance.com and can be mailed with a cheque or money order (payable to Family Alliance Ontario) to:

FAO 2008 Conference
c/o Hamilton Family Network
22 Leeming St., Hamilton, ON L8L 5T3

Or register on-line with credit card payment only at www.family-alliance.com.

Questions? Please contact Kathleen Jordan at kathleenjordan@rogers.com, or call 613-738-4474

PRESENTERS

DAVID CARTER-WHITNEY



David Carter-Whitney was appointed Assistant Deputy Minister, Social Policy Development for Ontario's Ministry of Community and Social Services in September 2007.

JOHN LORD



For decades, John Lord has used research and education to create positive change in services and communities so that vulnerable citizens can achieve full citizenship, participation, and equality.

SUSAN & REBECCA BEAYNI



Rebecca and Susan Beayni will share successful strategies for the development of meaningful relationships, building capacity and creating a more caring, compassionate, peaceful world for all.

NOREENE & KIRBY ADAM



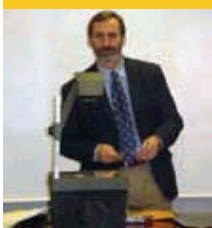
Kirby Adam has his own home. It's been a long road to this house for Kirby. His journey started years ago with 24 hour support. And NOW... listen to his story.

ALISON & DAVID OUELLETTE



The newly updated and revised edition of "A Place Called Home" by Alison C. Ouellette describes the story of the Ouellette family and their son David's quest for an everyday life.

MICHAEL KENDRICK



Michael Kendrick offers a deep understanding of the international currents of our movement and the ability to apply values and ideas at all levels. He has earned the trust of senior government decision makers and families and individuals with disabilities.

PROGRAM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 3:00 Registration opens
- 5:30 Buffet Dinner
- 6:45 Welcome
- 7:00 David Carter-Whitney ADM, MCSS
Transformation Update from MCSS
- 8:30 Informal networking

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 8:15 Registration
- 9:00 Keynote: John Lord
Engaging Families-Pathways to Inclusion
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 Alison Ouellette & David
Solutions of Choice
- 11:00 Noreene Adam & Kirby
My Home on Kirby Lane
- 11:45 Susan Beayni & Rebecca
A Good Life
- 12:30 Lunch & Award Presentations
Special Guest: The Hon. Madeleine Meilleur,
Minister of Community and Social Services
- 1:30 Art Show & Exhibits
- 2:00 Family Panel, presentations & discussion
Moderated by John Lord
Sibling relationships
Planning for Transition After School
Innovative Residential Options
- 3:15 Break
- 3:30 Family Panel continues
- 4:00 Concluding Remarks by John Lord
- 4:30 Family Alliance Annual General Meeting
- 6:30 Buffet Dinner (Pre-register for this great networking opportunity or enjoy plans of your own)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 8:15 Buffet Breakfast
- 9:00 Michael Kendrick
Building Bridges - Working Together
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 Michael Kendrick continues
- 11:30 Planning for Action
Families and allies working together
- 12:30 Closing