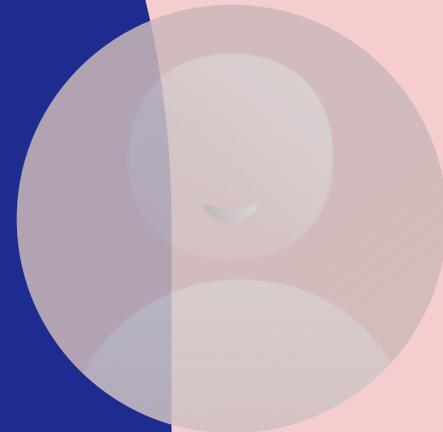


FAMILIES AS PARTNERS YEAR 3

January 28, 2026



GENERAL DISCUSSION

Due to cold, snowy Winter weather, our scheduled Family Group meeting of January 21st was rescheduled to Wednesday, January 28th, 2026.

Everyone in attendance brought their Journey to Belonging workbook and so discussions ensued regarding the importance of completing the information within.

Wendy also distributed the Safe and Secure project book. This (Ontario Edition 2025) covers the Seven Steps on the Path to a Good Life for People with a Disability. This Workbook is the Hot Topic right now, so we have secured some copies to have available to those families who wish to explore this route.

We are hoping to have Lori Beesley, Community Relations Coordinator, Partners for Planning, present this subject at our March 18th, 2026 meeting.

IMPORTANT P4P DATES

Wednesday

Feb 11
2026

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Understanding the Disability Tax Credit

One of the first steps in financial planning for a person with a disability is applying for the Disability Tax Credit (DTC). The DTC helps reduce the amount of tax an individual or their caregiver will have to pay,

and opens the door to other valuable credits and programs, including the new Canada Disability Benefit which rolled out in July 2025. This UPDATED webcast will provide critical information to help you better understand the DTC and how you can maximize your benefits.

Tuesday

Feb 17
2026

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Strengthening Your Family Network

Learn about how to strengthen your Family Network

Tuesday

Feb 24
2026

1:00-2:00 pm

Introduction to the RDSP - February 24

Learn about the RDSP, a made-in-Canada, long-term savings vehicle designed specifically for individuals who have a disability.

IMPORTANT DSO DATES



Learn About Taxes & Benefits with Canada Revenue Agency

Join DSO Housing Navigators as we welcome representatives from Canada Revenue Agency for a free virtual presentation on topics such as the Disability Tax Credit, the Ontario Caregiver Credit and more.

Wed, Feb 25, 2026
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

[Register](#)



Understanding Microboards

Join DSO Housing Navigators as we welcome guest speakers Karen Bell Executive Director for Microboards Ontario and Board member Kathleen Gifford to discuss the many benefits to creating a Microboard.

Thu, Feb 26, 2026
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

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SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

1:00 – 4:00 PM

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