

FAMILIES AS PARTNERS YEAR 2

MAY 21, 2025

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INTRODUCTION

The CLAPW FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP initiative is to help families with issues that concern them regarding their loved one. We hope to share our ideas with each other at our monthly meetings (Third Wednesday of the month, except July and August), and to cover any areas of interest.

CLAPW Yearly Membership is still only \$10/year. Membership ensures you receive important information on Community Resources, Quarterly Newsletter and Upcoming Events. Membership also allows you to have a vote at Annual AGM. To join you can go to the CLAPW webpage and complete the Membership form.

KAITIE SCHEUER, CLAPW PASSPORT & RESPITE NOW ASSISTANT

Kaitie spent her presentation time talking about the FREE, Respite Now App. which has recently expanded into the Durham Region.

This is a wonderful tool to use if you're looking for a qualified, verified respite worker for your family member(s). All types of needs are supported and there are workers located all across Ontario. You simply create your profile, complete the needs checklist, and, should you wish, create a support request detailing your needs, and you will be able to see which support workers in your area are a good match.

In Kaitie's role, she is notified when someone is enrolled, and she can help out whenever you need assistance. You can download the Respite Now app from the Apple App store or Goggle Play store. You can also search respite-now.com. for information.

I have included some snapshots of the Respite Now webpage on the following pages, so take a look.



Download the app today to connect with local, verified Respite Workers.



Respite Now supports all ages, all abilities! Download the app today to get connected to local verified respite workers!

Both caregivers and respite workers can use the app. The app matches people's support needs and preferences with appropriate respite workers based on skills, credentials, experiences, and availability. Caregivers and people supported review matches, choose the respite worker they wish to hire, and pay the worker directly.

Locations Served

Respite Now actively promotes and serves all of Ontario.

As the need grows for respite services, so does the locations served!





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Caregivers

Respite Now will match you instantly to verified workers in your area with just 3 easy steps.





1.

Create a profile as a family.

2.

Add An Individual

3.

Create A Care



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Meaningful

Respite Now has workers who can offer a variety of services.

- Caregiver respite & support
- Supportive relationships
- Social inclusion and community participation
- Adaptive living skills: work, volunteer, independence, social and leisure



Flexible

You have access to 100s of verified workers

- Individualized: focused on matching by availability and suitability
- Inclusive; caregiver and person centred
- Promotes autonomy and choice
- Variety of support options: types, amount, duration, frequency and preferences



Reliable

Respite Now is a connecting tool that connects families and verified workers together. We verify all the workers' credentials; you pick who is right for you and your family.

- Better matching = successful helping relationships: longevity, consistency, attendance and enjoyment
- Confidential and respectful of privacy
- Verified workers: education, credentials and experience
- Timely and responsive: matches happen immediately after activating a profile



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A few spaces
are still
available.
Go to
CLAPW
Facebook
page and use
the Link to
Register.



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

June 24th, 2025 ✦ 9:00am-3:00pm

Home Talk Housing Forum

Hosted by Durham Developmental Service Providers

Durham agencies supporting adults with developmental disabilities invite you to an Information Day at the Brooklin Community Centre (8 Vipond Rd.)

Discover Valuable Insights!

- Housing options & alternative service models
- Success stories from local agencies
- Hear from elected officials and developers about the housing landscape...and more!

Lunch Provided!

Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn, and explore housing solutions available to you!

Use the link below to register:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/cb7gf8n>

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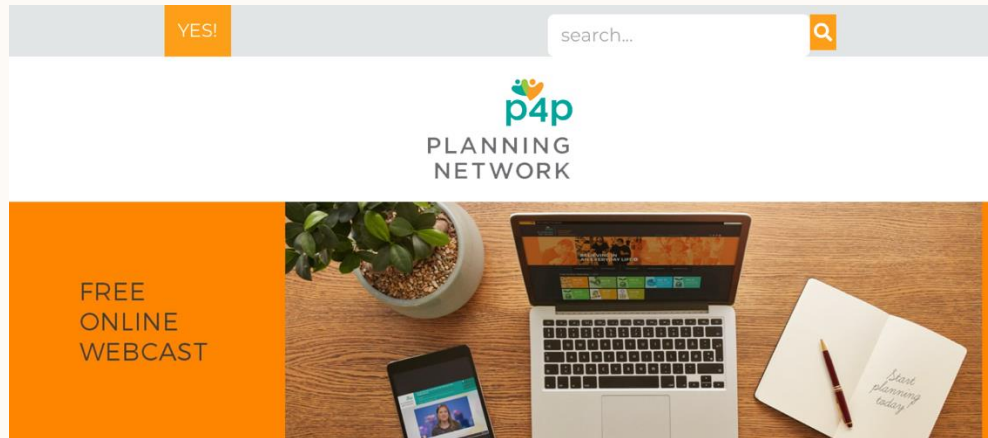
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Ajax-Pickering and Whitby
Inspiring Possibilities

DSO
Developmental Services Ontario
Central East Region



COMMUNITY LIVING
Durham North
Inspiring Possibilities

PARTNERS 4 PLANNING



Creative Options for Home June 11th at 7pm EST

Creating and exploring options for home is perhaps one of the more difficult aspects of future planning for people with



Whose Voice? Real Choice June 16, 2025 at 7pm EST

We all benefit from the support of trusted relationships when making decisions. However, too often people with developmental disabilities are underestimated and not given the opportunity to make choices for themselves. Join us to learn how we can shift our mindset and actions to support opportunity for people with disabilities to take the lead in their own lives!

This webcast will:

FREE
ONLINE
WEBCAST



Lunch & Learn: Tour of the Planning Network June 17th, 2025 at 12pm EST

We understand how valuable it is for you to connect the people and families you support to the right resources, and the Planning Network offers a wealth of information, tools, and guides that can help you do that.

Join us to learn how you can use the Planning Network to support the people you work with, helping ensure they have access to the resources and information they need to plan for the future.

By attending, you will:

Click Here
to Register



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Journey to Belonging: Choice and Inclusion Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 7pm EST

REGISTER
HERE

An Information Session for Individuals, Families and Caregivers

Please join us for a simultaneous French/English presentation about Journey to Belonging: Choice and Inclusion, the government of Ontario's plan to reform developmental services. The plan is centred on a vision where people with developmental disabilities are supported by their communities, support networks and government to belong and live inclusive lives, where they are empowered to make choices and live as independently as possible.

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Intro to the RDSP June 25th, 2025 at 3:00 pm

The Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) is a made-in-Canada, long-term savings vehicle designed specifically for individuals with disabilities.

What's in it for You:

- An understanding of the RDSP and potential government contributions
- Knowledge of the latest updates and changes to the RDSP
- Tips and advice on free resources that can be consulted for additional

Click Here
to Register



DISABILITY SUPPORT ONTARIO

Building Your Support Team - Lunch and Learn June 10, 2025

VIRTUAL LUNCH AND LEARN



Join DSO Housing Navigators over lunch to discuss the new housing and independent living e-learning videos (modules). This session will take place in a virtual format and is open to people with a developmental disability, their family members and/or support networks, as well as professionals in Ontario.



DATE

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

TIME

12:00pm – 1:00pm EST



REGISTER HERE



QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS EVENT CAN BE SENT TO:

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Martha Beach at
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Building Your Support Team

Housing Navigators will introduce this new module and talk about why it's helpful to have a support team. We will also share some tips on how to build connections with others. The presentation will be followed by Q + A.

Topics covered will include:

- What is a support team?
- The benefits of a support team
- Tips for building a support team.

This lunch and learn will be facilitated by Martha Beach, DSO SE Region, and Olivia Thomas, DSO Eastern Region.



Developmental Services Ontario (DSO) helps adults with developmental disabilities find services and supports in their community.

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**PLEASE NOTE
NEXT MEETING IS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025
AT CLAPW OFFICE
36 EMPEROR ST., AJAX**



THANK YOU !

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