



## **“What Works! Successful Tales of Integrating Services for Children and Youth” One Day Learning Forum – February 16, 2007**

Sparrow Lake Alliance is pleased to sponsor a one-day learning forum for volunteers and professionals who are working in their own communities to improve services and create more integrated approaches to supporting children, youth and their families.

While it is widely acknowledged that services and outcomes could be improved through better integration and coordination, actual progress on changing organizational practices and creating new service systems, remains the exception. Why - and how - do some communities, agencies and groups of organizations succeed at working together in new and integrated ways, while so many others struggle?

Leaders and successful innovators from four different Ontario communities will come together for the discussions to describe and reflect on a number of important issues.

- What did their community, and its service organizations, manage to achieve by way of creating new and integrated systems for children and youth?
- What were the benefits of doing things differently – especially for children, youth and families; but also for participating organizations and their staff?
- What were the “critical success factors” – those particular elements, conditions, and process steps that enabled them to change the way business was done?
- What specifically did governments, funders and agencies do – or not do – that enabled the group to build a better, more integrated, system of services?

**Participants Forum:** Each presentation will include time for a question, answer and discussion session designed to better understand how the change process was managed and what might be attempted in other communities. A closing panel discussion and participant forum will review a synthesis of the days’ learnings in three areas: critical success factors; who benefits and how; and the best role(s) for government and funders. These findings will be shared with appropriate government, communities, agencies and volunteers and made available to all SLA members on our website.

**Featuring presentations from:**

**York Region Advisory Forum  
Northeast Ontario School Based Initiative**

**The WRAP Program (Working to Reinforce All Partners)  
Our Kids Network, Halton Region**

Please plan to attend this exciting and important event. The details of the consultation day are as follows:

**Date:** Friday, February 16, 2007  
**Time:** 9:30am – 4:00pm  
**Location:** Mississauga Meeting Room, Doubletree International Plaza Hotel (655 Dixon Rd., Toronto)  
**Fees:** \$95 per person (includes continental breakfast, catered lunch, and refreshments)

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***\*Spaces are limited to 75 persons. We urge you to register as soon as possible. We will confirm your reservation.***