

School of Health & Human Services

The Next Stage: Retirement Planning for Older Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Project Information Sheet

Three-year project funded through a financial contribution by the Public Health Agency of Canada

- ❖ The overall purpose of the project is to build links between the aging and developmental disability sectors to respond to a growing need for information to update policy and programs relevant to retirement planning for persons aging with developmental disabilities.
- ❖ The project team will listen to the voices of people with disabilities and service providers from both the aging and disability sectors to help understand what is needed to support community inclusion.
- ❖ The project activities include:
 - Creation of a retirement planning resource guide for persons with developmental disabilities, families and service providers.
 - Completion of focus groups and interviews.
 - Development of a provincial network linking the aging and disability sectors.
 - Implementation of community opportunities to help understand barriers and enablers to inclusion.
 - Sharing of information through presentations to organizations throughout Nova Scotia.
 - Identification of key policy issues relevant to inclusive retirement programs and services.

Project Steering Committee

- ❖ The members of the Steering Committee are involved in the design, implementation, and evaluation of the project. The members represent the following organizations:
 - School of Health and Human Services, Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) *NSCC is the lead partner*
 - Nova Scotia Centre on Aging, Mount Saint Vincent University
 - Department of Family Studies and Gerontology, Mount Saint Vincent University
 - Nova Scotia Disabled Persons Commission
 - Nova Scotia Association for Community Living
 - DIRECTIONS Council for Vocational Services Society
 - Regional Residential Services Society
 - Nova Scotia Department of Seniors
 - Nova Scotia Department of Health, Continuing Care Branch
 - Nova Scotia Department of Community Services, Services for Persons with Disabilities Division
 - Resource Member: People First Nova Scotia

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