

Developmental Services

Virtual Provincial Housing Strategy Forum

October 26, 2022 - 9:30 am to 3:00 pm EST

Strengthening Partnerships, Building Communities



Change happens when we work as a community!

Everyone wants a home and to belong and live successfully in their community. Historically, people with developmental disabilities have faced numerous barriers to housing. In 2017 people with developmental disabilities were highlighted as a priority group in the National Housing Strategy, recognizing the need for affordable housing and appropriate supports.

This forum will highlight creative stories and replicable actions being taken towards creating housing inclusivity. In partnership we can all work together for housing solutions.



Featured speakers and topics to include:

- Event Moderation by **Ron Pruessen**, Chair of the former *Developmental Services Housing Task Force*
- **Laura Summers**, Director of the Community Services Policy Branch, *Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS)*
- **Gary Gladstone**, Lead, Stakeholder Relations at Reena on the National Housing Strategy (NHS) and advocacy work undertaken by DS agencies.
- **Service Managers:**
 - **Saide Sayah**, Director of Housing Services, Ottawa and
 - **Ruth Noordegraaf**, Director of Housing and Social Services, Kingston who are addressing the housing needs of people with developmental disabilities.
- **Developmental Services Sector Innovators and Change Makers**
 - All Together Housing
 - Cota
 - Journey House
 - Kind Minds
 - Parents for Community Living
 - Participation House Durham
- **Self Advocates and Caregivers**

This virtual event will be hosted by Developmental Services Ontario Housing Navigators. Attendance is free and open to the public, [Register Here!](#)

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