



# Muskoka Family Network Newsletter

April 2018

**Website:**

[www.muskokafamilynetwork.weebly.com](http://www.muskokafamilynetwork.weebly.com)

**Facebook Page:**

[www.facebook.com/MuskokaFamilyNetwork](https://www.facebook.com/MuskokaFamilyNetwork)

*(Thank You Erica for managing this page)*

## Committee Updates:

**1. Speech & Language Committee:**

Nothing to Report.

*Thank You Sarah for representing Muskoka Family Network on this Committee.*

**2. Transition in Youth – Muskoka Region:**

Nothing to Report.

*Thank You Moira for representing Muskoka Family Network on this Committee.*

**3. Independent Facilitation & Planning Steering Committee – Muskoka/Parry Sound/Nipissing**

We will be having a second Community Day scheduled for May 23, 2018 with Violetta Ikiw and Dave Hasbury.

*Thank You to Sherri Lynn for representing Muskoka Family Network on this Committee.*

**4. Family Alliance Ontario**

We are now a board member on this Provincial Family Advocate Group. If you would like to learn more about Family Alliance Ontario, you can check out their Facebook Page or website: <http://family-alliance.com>

Family Alliance Ontario will be partaking in a project over the next 2 ½ years collecting stories and visiting our communities of individuals that lived in institutions. We are quite excited to be able to proceed this project, more information to follow.

Thank You Carla for representing the families of the Muskoka Family Network.

## ***We have been Busy!***

As I was going through the events, it does not seem to be that way but we have been busy connecting with families and community this past winter.

## Presentations:

1. Rotary – Lake of Bays Huntsville Presentation on Thursday January 18, 2018.
2. SEAC for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board Presentation on Tuesday April 3, 2018.

## Information Sessions:

1. Ontario Autism Program: Family Session in January 2018 and Professional Session in March 2018. We have been invited to collaborate with local agencies to find out how to work together more and provide the information to families. We hope to have our first meeting in May 2018.

## Events Coming Up:

1. *Demystifying the DSO Webinar* (with Partners for Planning) – Wednesday April 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Community Living Huntsville, 99 West Road, Huntsville, ON
2. Come and join this “*Art of Resilience*” community event in partnership with Partners for Planning. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual event (last year was Art of Belonging) on Thursday April 19, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Community Living Huntsville, 99 West Road, Huntsville, ON
3. Come visit our booth at the *Transforming Together: Making Connections for Life after High School, Today for Tomorrow* on Thursday April 26, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Huntsville High School Cafeteria.
4. *Engaging Support Workers: Bill 148 for People with Disabilities and their Families – 2 Part Webinar* (with Partners for Planning). Part 1 – Wednesday May 2; Part 2 – May 9 at 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Community Living Huntsville, 99 West Road, Huntsville.

## Thinking Ahead: (look for information on the following)

1. Housing Task Force: Webinar and information session with Tracy Girard with the Developmental Services Ontario Housing Coordinator
2. Webinars:
  - a. The Sibling Experience
  - b. Staying Strong and Resilient
  - c. How to Hire and Manage a Support Worker
  - d. Building a Foundation for Supported Relationships
  - e. 3 part webinar on Inclusive Education and Education Advocacy
3. Workshops as follows:
  - a. Workshop with Suzanne Murphy
  - b. Life Course Planning
  - c. Ross Greene Workshop

**Please check our Facebook page and Website  
for further information!**