



Trustee Times



Our third edition heralds spring! Spring is a time of rejuvenation and new growth. It is a time in which we all look forward with anticipation to what the future seasons will bring.

Unfortunately most parents don't feel as optimistic about the future - especially when it comes to planning for their child who has a disability. Consider it another way, future planning is a positive, proactive opportunity for parents and their child to determine their own future and to have goals to work towards in order to reach that future.

Available to members of Support & Trustee Advisory Services, this newsletter contains information, web sites and contacts to help with the future planning process.



New and noteworthy:

Web sites of interest:

www.ofcp.on.ca under **publications** makes a disc available for sale entitled "Removing the Mystery" which deals with future planning. A "Removing the Mystery" workbook can also be purchased.

www.inclusion.com has many books, videos etc. available for sale that talk about person centred planning, inclusion; as well as numerous other resources, or links, for people to find resources.

www.enablelink.org provides links to many types of resources for individuals who have a disability or their families.

Just recently:

On February 15, 2006 Support & Trustee Advisory Services (STAS) hosted a working luncheon for professionals at the Mississauga Convention Centre. The purpose of the luncheon was to inform lawyers and financial planners about the unique challenges parents face when future planning for their child who has a disability. In attendance were 18 lawyers from Mississauga, Brampton, Bolton, Oakville and Toronto as well as 7 financial planners from Mississauga and Etobicoke. The presenters were Bonnie Yagar, lawyer, who explained "Henson Trusts Do's and Don'ts", and Kevin Longley, financial planner, who spoke about the financial considerations that parents must make when planning for their child who has a disability. Their message was clear: the professional's families with a family member who has a disability work with must be knowledgeable about the complexities of preparing financial plans and wills and familiar with the unique challenges that these families face with regard to future planning.

Support & Trustee Advisory Services has prepared a list of the professionals in attendance which we make available to interested parents looking for information/resources to assist them with their future planning process. STAS plans to host other similar seminars for professionals in the future. For more information about the resource material STAS maintains or to talk with our STAS co-ordinator, Sue Taggart please call 905-542-2694 ext. 312 or email your query to suet@clmiss.ca.

Upcoming events:

There will be another information session on wills and estate planning for parents in April 2006. This session will be held in Brampton but is open to parents in all of Peel Region.

Contact Sue Taggart at 905-542-2694 ext. 312 for more information!

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–P. Vought –
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–Paul Livingston –
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Carousel
- Virginianne -
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New members wanted!

To join STAS, simply complete the information request form at the end of the newsletter and submit it with your \$10.00 membership fee

To learn more about STAS, simply complete the form below and mail or fax it to STAS at 905-542-0987. Alternately, contact our coordinator, Sue Taggart at 905-542-2694 ext. 312 or 905-453-8841 ext. 548:

I want to learn more about STAS!

Name: _____

Address: _____

email: _____

telephone: _____ home

_____ work

- I want to be a member! My registration form and fee are included!
- I want to purchase a print - please contact me!
- I want to be contacted regarding future planning!