



Thank you for your interest in Community Living Parry Sound's "A Good Life in Community: Changing the Conversation" project, funded by the Ontario Government's Employment and Modernization Fund (EMF). At this information session, you will get to hear all about the new and exciting project that seeks to find five people and their families to participate in this two-year long project. At the information session, the Project Coordinator will outline in more detail what the overall project is all about and encourage those who are attending, and who meet the guidelines outlined by the EMF (see below), to talk to CLPS about the potential of becoming one of the early adopters of this exciting project. \*\*\***Please note ALL are welcome and encouraged to attend this information session, even if you, or the person you support, do not meet the guidelines outlined by the EMF\*\*\***

**There are three main goals of this project:**

- 1) **Facilitation and Planning:** Identifying and supporting five people and their supports (which includes family, friends, employers, support workers) to be early adopters of the project, who desire a life outside of typical supports. Through person-directed planning, the Project Coordinator and the team at CLPS will facilitate natural networks for people to live *a meaningful and empowered life in community*. The planning and facilitation offered will help people to gain access to, and create pathways towards, a community life that is unique to each person's interests, abilities and goals for the future.
- 2) **Community Mapping:** The aim of this goal of the project is to construct a community map of services, places, activities, interests and people/businesses available in Parry Sound and to highlight all of the supports, connections and places of interest unique to a person outside of the usual community partnerships. It will be designed to enrich, enliven and empower people and their supports to better see the available avenues of connection and pathway building. It is also the goal of the project to create a broader community map available to all citizens of Parry Sound and surrounding area.
- 3) **Speaker Series:** The final part of this project will create a speaker series which will showcase other success stories of similar projects across the province and will demonstrate through these stories how *a future in community* is not only possible, but sustainable.

**Criteria/Requirements for Eligibility, as Outlined by the EMF Guidelines**

- **The selected persons MUST be 18+ years old.**
- 5 families
- 1 in service
- 1 outside of service
- 1 within the Parry Sound limits
- 1 in Muskoka (outside of CLPS catchment)

*\*\* One person could meet two of more of these criteria\*\**

*Please note, there is no expense to a person or their supports to participate in the project--whether a person is in service or not.*

If you feel that you or someone you support would be a good candidate, or simply want to know more about this project and prospects for the future for someone you support, please come and visit our information session at Community Living Parry Sound on August 9<sup>th</sup>, from 5-7pm. Food and beverages will be provided. **PLEASE RSVP TO LYND SAY GRAY BY JULY 30<sup>TH</sup> lgray@clps.ca or (705) 938-0219.**