

Bridging the Gap

As part of Community Living Brant's partnership with Abilities First our first event called "Bridging the Gap" was held on November 23, 2009.

This event was held at Wynfield Salvation Army Church. The purpose of the event was recruitment of people to participate in the Ontario Disability Support Program- Employment Supports (ODSP-ES). The invitation was extended to students, their families and professionals within the school system. Booths were set up to provide information on supports available to help individuals with barriers to find employment, after high school or Post Secondary education.

Many thanks to the exhibitors that took part in this event and shared information on what is offered in this community to enable people to participate and be successful in life. This ranged from assistive devices, alternative education, service providers, ODSP-Employment Supports Program, volunteer organizations and employment skills programs.

In addition, wonderful food was available to all the participants. The menu was created, cooked and served by a group of young people connected with the Young Adults in Transition Program and members of the REACH Out Self Advocates group.

Doug Hunt ended the evening with a discussion about "Failing Forward". Part of his message was that we all need to experience and learn from our failures and understand that this teaches us to move forward in life.

Approximately 60 people attended the event. The feedback we received was to please host an event like this every year! Stay tuned for Bridging the Gap 2010/2011.

