

## **Community Living Brant Receives Person Directed Planning Innovation Funds**

Community Living Brant submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS) for one time funding through their Person-Directed Planning Innovation Fund. This funding is to support agencies to improve their person directed planning procedures by; developing connections for people supported within communities to promote a sense of belonging and citizenship, building relationships to support people in implementing and achieving their goals, and increasing the knowledge of staff and other community members on person directed planning practices.

We are thrilled that CL Brant's proposal was approved as one of the projects for the Hamilton–Niagara Area Office of MCSS. The funding is time limited from October 25/10 to March 31/11. With this funding, CL Brant will be conducting additional training to staff within CL Brant and neighbouring agencies with David Pitonyak on the importance of relationships and building positive support plans for people. As many of you know, CL Brant hosted a Positive Systems Institute with David Pitonyak in August of this year. From that Institute, staff learned about various tools and approaches over the nine days that everyone believed would benefit the people we support and staff. The goals of the project are to:

- ✚ Provide additional training with David Pitonyak to the Positive Systems Institute participants in the use of David's 7 Questions to Developing a Support Plan and the Discovery Workbook
- ✚ Provide a ½ day of training to all CL Brant staff and staff from the agencies who participated in Institute this summer with David Pitonyak on the importance of relationships and creating positive support plans.
- ✚ Creation of a pilot project of a select group of staff and people supported who will develop and implement person directed support plans using David's tools in conjunction with current planning tools. The pilot group will provide feedback and recommendations for use of David's tools with our current person directed planning procedures.
- ✚ Collection and analysis of data to determine the success of these strategies on developing relationships for people and increasing people's knowledge and skills in person directed planning.

This is a great opportunity for CL Brant to enhance services and supports for people. What we learn from this project will provide additional tools for planning that will complement our current process and supporting people to achieve their goals.

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