

2008-2009 FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK NEWSLETTER

Highlights 2008-2009

2008-2009 was a busy year for the Family Support Network with the addition of a Family to Family (F2F) course in Trenton and the training of 4 new facilitators. We welcomed

Don Halcrow, an F2F facilitator, to the committee and bid farewell to one of the founding members of the group, Lois O'Brien. Jill Yarnell and Dani Cameron, F2F facilitators and committee members, also left the group this year. Kerry Politi, an F2F facilitator, replaced Lynda Tarle as chair of the committee for 2008-2009.

This year the spring NAMI South course was held at the Family Resource Centre at CFB Trenton. This was a new initiative of the FSN to assess the need to deliver the program at different locations within Hastings-Prince Edward to better meet the needs of family members.

Looking Forward 2009-2010

For the upcoming year the FSN is looking forward to continuing to offer two courses, fall and spring, in the NAMI South area and one in the spring in the NAMI North area.

Provider's Courses are proposed for Picton in the fall of 2009 and in Bancroft in the spring of 2010.

Committee members are busy working on a Hope Conference slated for the fall of 2009.

Dates for the upcoming NAMI courses will be posted to the NAMI Ontario site (www.namiontario.ca) as soon as confirmed.

Welcome to our new Family to Family Facilitators

After many delays, F2F facilitator training took place in Belleville in May 2009.

We were fortunate to have four recent NAMI F2F Alumni volunteer to take the training as facilitators.

The new F2F facilitators for 2009-2010 include:

NAMI South

Lorraine Pyle and Ross Folkes

NAMI North

Michele Michaelis and Kim Smies

Family to Family Courses

Two courses were offered in NAMI South, one in the fall of 2008 and one in the spring of 2009. One course was offered in NAMI North in the spring of 2009.

The courses were well received with a total of 39 family members completing the F2F Courses this year.

Provider's Courses

Provider's courses were held in the spring of 2008 in the North, in the fall of 2008 in the South and in the spring of 2009 in both the North and South.

A total of 68 service providers attended the courses.