

Mission:

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Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley

Goal :

“THAT ALL PERSONS

LIVE IN A STATE OF

DIGNITY,

SHARE IN ALL

ELEMENTS OF LIVING

IN THE COMMUNITY

AND

HAVE THE

OPPORTUNITY TO

PARTICIPATE

EFFECTIVELY.”

To foster the development of welcoming communities through:

Providing supports and services based on each person’s uniqueness and self-determination so they may enjoy safe, secure, and rewarding lives;

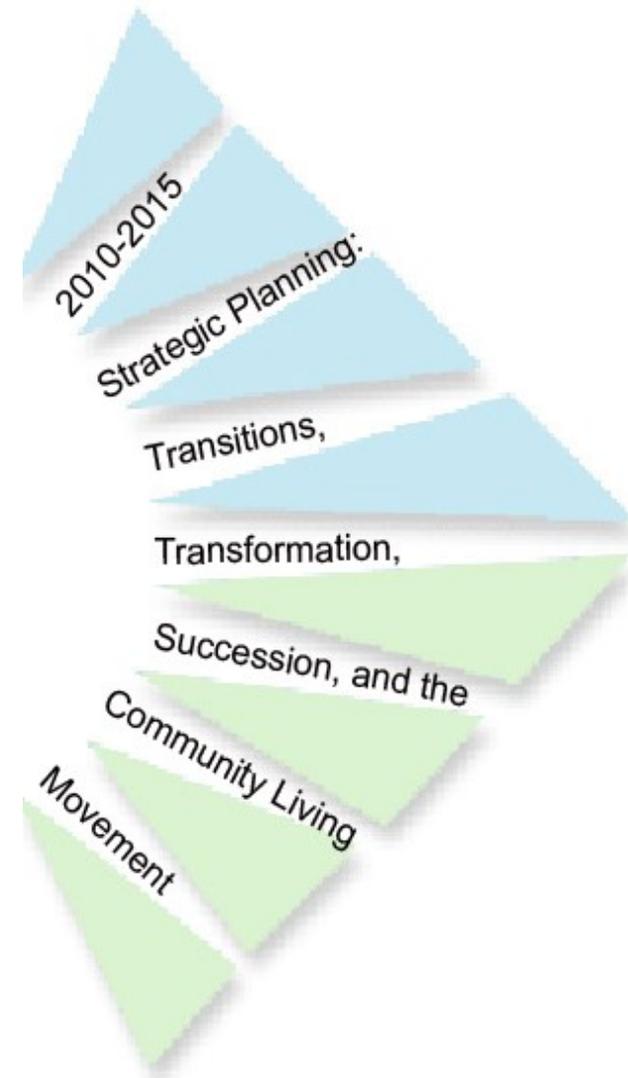
Enriching community life by developing community capacity and partnerships.

Opportunities for stakeholders to learn and take leadership;

Promoting and celebrating diversity through public education and promotion of inclusion and community living;

Leadership in human rights advocacy; and

Eliminating physical, attitudinal and societal barriers to full citizenship.



A foundation for the next fifty years.



Community Living

Upper Ottawa Valley

A respected mid-sized organization; knowledgeable, representative and sensitive to people living in the small towns and villages of northern Renfrew County Ontario.

The association, a membership governed organization, is focused on the self-direction and inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities through community participation and networks of support.

Community Living's success is largely depend upon the dedication and compassion of staff, volunteers, other inclusive minded citizens and the determination of people supported.

A strategic focus on measuring the effectiveness of services and supports, personal preferences, self-direction, organisational practises, stakeholder involvement and community development has resulted in innovative and effective community partnerships, organizational priorities and highly individualized, flexible and efficient community supports.

Transitions, Transformation, Succession and the Community Living Movement.

Goals for the next five years will ensure continuance and relevance of our association for many decades to come.

The success of our association and the community living movement has always depended on leadership, vision and active participation of stakeholders.

Succession of leadership must incorporate an investment in the transference of values, history of Community Living and its vision as a social movement advocating for inclusion and human rights.

Over the next five years financial resources will remain static. Resources will need to be utilized creatively and effectively to address the needs of people in transition, those waiting for assistance and the long term stability of the association.

Strategies to respond to new forms of individualized funding and assist people and their networks to effectively administer these funds will be increasingly important. In some cases the association may provide direct services to people who have purchasing power. While in other instances the association may provide an auxiliary role in offering opportunities for networking and training, and providing other administrative services for people securing their own services. It's anticipated provincial funding for our residential services will continue in the current form.

Senior families are owed a great debt of gratitude for creating community supports and this association. The passing of each year diminishes their collective capacity to provide support to loved ones, many still residing with them. A growing crisis of unmet need and the tendency to institutionalized people without community alternatives must be circumvented.

Provincial Issues and Transformation of Developmental Services

New legislation, regulations, service models, funding mechanisms and other system features will dramatically change access to services. Eligibility, level of support, placement, prioritization on waiting lists and other specialized services will largely become regionalized processes centered out of Ottawa.

The Association will need to keep pace with transformation, sharing knowledge with stakeholders and providing advocacy at the individual and community levels.

Community Living's belief in citizenship, human rights and advocacy, self direction, transparency, fairness and equity, quality and community capacity can improve transformation.

Transformation will challenge Community Living to know, understand, develop relationships, promote inclusion and be of assistance to people who are waiting for services or may eventual need them.

The state of provincial and global economies, transformation's current focus on system features and government restraint make it highly unlikely there will be significant investments in service development.

Income allowance levels, accessible and affordable housing and transportation, inclusive education and employment, improved incentives to work, supported decision making and reformation of public guardianship are long standing issues.

Demand for Developmental Services will increase significantly; a result of demographic trends and the ability of families to provide significant care and support.

Partnerships, networking and advocacy are key to responding to people in our community.

Strategic use of association and community resources will be key to navigating the next five years.

Stakeholder Priorities

- Recruitment, retention, succession
- Transitional support at key milestones
- Connecting with those waiting for supports and services
- Supporting and partnering with families, advocates and other community networks
- Promoting community acceptance, understanding and inclusion
- Effective, efficient and high quality services, supports and organizational practices
- Advocating and supporting people to be safe, secure, respected and aware and protective of their rights
- Helping people understand and access services and supports
- Supporting people in self-direction and planning
- Family and membership engagement
- Contributing to the betterment of community

Draft 2010-11 Committee Structure

