

# COMMUNITY PLANNING DAYS

**"FINDING SOLUTIONS THAT WILL IMPROVE THE SYSTEM OF SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH ASD AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YORK REGION"**

## WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND:

Parents and families of children and youth with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in York Region are well-informed and, by both necessity and choice, are very active in securing and determining the appropriate care for their child.

While child and youth service providers in York Region have a strong history of collaboration, it is recognized that services for children and youth with ASD are fragmented and often not well represented at planning tables.

Decision-makers, generally speaking, recognize the growing prevalence of ASD in York Region and acknowledge the challenges in building a responsive, coordinated system of support within the boundaries of limited resources.

The Planning Days will provide an opportunity for each of these perspectives to come together in one place – to share understandings, insights, and to find made-in-York Region solutions.

## AN INVITATION TO ATTEND...



### WHEN:

Dates: Wed. March 25<sup>th</sup> & Thurs. April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Times: 9:00am - 4:00pm

### WHERE:

Glenway Golf and Country Club  
470 Crossland Gate, Newmarket  
(Lunches/refreshments will be provided)

**COST:** Free

### TO REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT:

Please send your registration form by e-mail to [ssamoondar@bluehillchildandfamily.ca](mailto:ssamoondar@bluehillchildandfamily.ca) or by fax to 905-773-8133. You may also contact Sonita Samoondar @ 905-773-4323 ext 300.  
**Registration Deadline: Mon. March 2nd, 2009**

### THE BOTTOM LINE:

The Planning Days will be structured so that:

- We share our perspectives on what an improved system of support in York Region looks like;
- We have small group discussions focused on the specific elements of action-oriented solutions;
- We come to a common understanding of what we can do together in the short, medium and longer term; and
- We develop implementation plans and the measures that we will use to hold ourselves accountable.



The Planning Days are being hosted by a collaborative, multi-agency *Joint Planning Task Group*. The members of this task group share, in common, a desire to improve the system of support in York Region. The task group is closely aligned with the *York Region Planning Forum for Children, Youth and Families*.