



P.A.D.D.—NEWSLETTER

PARENTS OF ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

We meet on the second Wednesday of each month.
741 Wallace Rd North Bay ON

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Currently...

Exploring Employment Series

March of Dimes—April 10th

YES Employment—May 8th

Community Living NB Employment Services—June

Our beginnings...

Our group was created in response to our personal family crisis with our son who is Autistic and Developmental Delayed. We accessed the necessary professional services we needed. However that was not enough.

We needed to 'connect' with other parents for support and to support them to help prevent their going down the same path we have gone! We searched our community for a parent support group of any kind and came up with nothing.

I was contacted by Nipissing Community Counselling Centre that there was funding available to start a Family Support Network. And since I had already started a face book parent support group and our family was already very involved with advocating for Developmental Disabilities our application was accepted.

It took a few months for our family and two other families to get ourselves organized and finally get the funding needed. We began our public meetings in October 2018.

We are growing and hopefully meeting the needs of those families involved so far.

Our accomplishments so far...

We have a table at the Annual Labour Day Picnic. Our first public appearance.

We are now in the 211 Ontario North directory as a parent support group for families who have adult children with developmental disabilities. 211 has information on social, community, health and government services for the North.

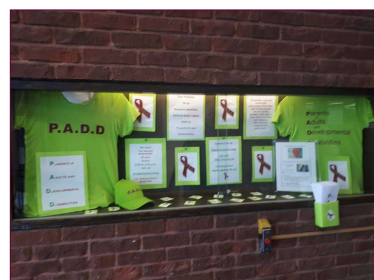
We created a petition asking the City of North Bay to purchase Beach Access Mats so those with mobility challenges could access our beautiful lakes. So far we have over 300 signatures and our mats are in the Parks budget waiting city approval!

We celebrated Dec 3rd International Day of Persons with Disabilities with a display table at Parker's Your Independent Grocer.

We have a representative on the MAAC—Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee. The role of the committee is to provide recommendations, advice and information to Council and City staff to help carry out their responsibilities under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).

We had a P.A.D.D. display at our North Bay Public Library. And are booked for next February as well.

We have created our first fundraiser. We are collecting pop cans. 20 lbs = \$10



When you don't know where to turn.



P.A.D.D. - Parents of Adults with Developmental Disabilities BEACH ACCESSIBILITY PETITION TO THE CITY OF NORTH BAY, ONTARIO.
Whereas, the North Bay does not own beaches that are accessible for those using wheelchairs or who have difficulty walking on sand;

Whereas, the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) has been enacted to expand the government's mission to offer full accessibility to all disabled Ontarians by 2025;

We the undersigned petition the City of North Bay, ON as follows:

To take immediate action to make our beaches fully accessible using Beach Access Mats for those who are disabled or have issues walking on sand.

Name (printed)	Address with postal code	Signature	Email



International Day of Persons with Disabilities
3 DECEMBER

