



## FOCUS GROUP PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

The Ministry of Community and Social Services will be holding focus groups with individuals and families that take part in ministry-funded services and supports. These focus groups will be taking place in **September 2016 (rescheduled from July 2016)**.

Participation in these focus groups is voluntary and will not affect the supports that individuals are currently receiving. The feedback we receive is confidential, and your individual responses or information will not be published.

We want to better understand what things in life you would like developmental services to help you or your family member achieve.

The ministry values feedback from individuals and their families on their experiences and we recognize that ongoing engagement is key to making meaningful improvements to the developmental services system.

The focus groups will be held in the following areas in late September:

City	Date	Time of session with individuals	Time of session with families/caregivers
Ottawa (in person)	Monday September 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	3:00 to 4:30pm	5:00 to 7:00pm
Thunder Bay (in person)	Wednesday September 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2016	3:00 to 4:30pm	5:00 to 6:45pm
Toronto (in person)	Thursday September 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2016	3:00 to 4:30pm	5:30 to 7:30pm
London (in person)	Monday September 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	3:00 to 4:30pm	5:30 to 7:30pm
Video-conference for remote and isolated communities	Wednesday September 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	3:00 to 4:30pm	5:00 to 7:00pm

**If you're interested** and you live within 100 kilometres of any of these locations, **please reply** to the ministry **before Friday September 2<sup>nd</sup>** by completing an **online registration form** using this URL/link: <http://fluidsurveys.com/s/DSFocusGroupRegistration/>

Or you can register by calling Darren Cyr in MCSS' Policy Research and Analysis Branch (PRAB) at 416-314-4640.

**For those who registered for the original July focus groups, we ask that you please re-register using the new registration link in this email to re-confirm your interest and availability for the new September dates.**

The location for the sessions will be sent to those selected to participate. Each focus group will last 1.5 - 2 hours. In appreciation for your time, you will receive a light meal, and we will cover transportation costs (e.g., public transit, taxi, mileage) and other eligible expenses (e.g., parking, personal support worker if needed) (receipts required).



If you have any questions about these focus groups please contact Darren Cyr at the ministry at 416-314-4640 or email [REU@ontario.ca](mailto:REU@ontario.ca).