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PLAN Edmonton's new website

We are excited to launch our newly renovated website. It has a new look and promises to be much easier for us to manage. We will be able to post our newsletter to the website, provide an accurate calendar of events and accept online donations. We will also have the potential to connect Facilitators and family members to monthly invoicing in the future! It is exciting to see a project finished and further possibilities. Let us know what you think of the new site.

Call Meloney at PLAN Edmonton 780-488-2422

<http://edmonton.plan.ca>

UPDATES

Another successful *DreamMakers Gala* took place at the Crowne Plaza, Chateau Lacombe on Friday, May 6, 2011 with Guest Speaker Viviane Forest. Our annual fundraiser saw 80 people in attendance and over \$ 5000 was raised for our social network program.

Our Annual General Meeting and Spring Social was held on Sunday, June 12 from 1-3pm at Meloney's home. The weather cooperated for an outdoor BBQ and we saw some new faces. Everyone enjoyed a relaxed social event with great food!



Mark Your Calendar

Fall 2011

All PLAN Edmonton sessions will take place at our office located at 18304-105 Avenue Edmonton. Phone to register 780-488-2422

PLAN Edmonton Wills and Estates Planning

- Wed, Oct. 5th at 7-9pm

PLAN Edmonton Registered Disability Savings Plan

- Sat, Oct. 1 at 9-11am
- Sat, Dec. 3 at 9-11am

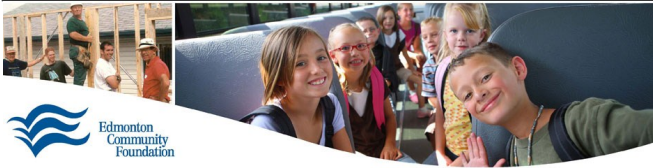
PLAN Edmonton Orientation

- Wed, Sept. 14th from 7-9pm
- Wed, Nov. 16th from 7-9pm

Self Advocacy Federation is hosting a rally **October 7th from 12-1 at Churchill Square.**

GATEWAY Association has many exciting events and workshops coming up this fall. Please see their website for further info: <http://www.gatewayassociation.ca/communitycalendar/> Or call 780-454-0701





Timeless contributions. Endless possibilities.

The Board of Directors and families associated with PLAN Edmonton would like to express our deepest appreciation to the Edmonton Community Foundation for their belief in and support of our efforts to ensure safe and secure futures for individuals with disabilities.

Thoughts from our Executive Director—Meloney Patterson-Gillan

As the season begins to change, marking the progression of time we hope for more sunshine and gladly give up the honor of being the mosquito capital of Canada. For me, the fall season becomes a reflective time. Time to evaluate where we want to be, then set the agenda to ensure we arrive. Planning is such a crucial part of our lives. We have all heard the words “individualized family support plan”, “individual education plan” “person-centered planning”. Unfortunately, for most of us, these planning processes are tied to funding and dictated by the funding sources. Therefore, as families we have a tendency to think of our will as the only planning tool that needs to be in place to ensure a secure future for our family member with a disability. Our will is only part of a set of planning tools, called a future plan. A future plan is a family plan developed by the family, with the family member and their support system. This plan is **your vision** for your family member, not what the funder will pay for now or in the future. A future plan is more than a transition plan; it will guide the transition plan to help you during periods of transition. Your future plan will focus on the **network of relationships** in your family member’s life, now and in the future. A well thought out **will and estate plan** will support the vision you have for your family member. In our fall schedule we have several information sessions that will assist you with your future plan for your family member with a disability. Hope to see you here, call ahead to reserve a chair. *Meloney*

PART-TIME FACILITATORS REQUIRED

This position is approximately 2-10 hours per month

Do you have a natural talent for connecting people and believe that relationships are essential for a good life? We are looking for someone who has a strong belief in community inclusion and a commitment to developing a network of support. You must be willing to commit to a one-year contract. *We’d love to connect with you!* Please indicate your interest by contacting: *Betty Hahn-Sidor at 780-488-2422 OR betty@plannedmonton.ca*



NETWORK NEWS

TYZE networks for PLAN Edmonton families!

TYZE is a social network like Facebook, where you use your computer via the internet to join a community of friends on-line. TYZE is different from other network sites because information is never disclosed, there is no advertisement, and your network is only open to people you invite in—like your own private network.

TYZE Planning & Strategy

TYZE can be used as a support and coordination tool for your network.. It can be incorporated into network planning, and possible TYZE network activities include organizing social events, using it as a resource library, and updating important documents.

TYZE connectors are facilitators who function as a community leader within the network. They are trained to motivate members to work together as a

group. They play a significant role in the effectiveness of Tyze networks. Connectors are responsible for identifying members and extending invitations, introducing Tyze to prospective members, keeping momentum on the site, and supporting network members to use Tyze.

We welcome the following families onto TYZE:
The Sichkaryks
The Bayus’
The Flumerfels
and the Scotts *Betty*

Communication leads to community, that is, to understanding, intimacy and mutual valuing.

Rollo May