

OIFN Publications

OIFN is pleased to share some of our learning about facilitating change and customizing support, in service of citizenship for all people.

Core Elements of Independent Facilitation

In April 2018, the Board of OIFN and the leads from Independent Facilitation Organizations across the province engaged in dialogue to clarify the heart and core of the work of Independent Facilitation.

Weaving a Story of Change: IFDP Learning So Far

In 2015-2017, OIFN, seven Independent Facilitation Organizations (IFOs), and the Ministry of Community and Social Services collaborated on the Independent Facilitation Demonstration Project (IFDP) to explore the possibility of making Independent Facilitation a viable support option for people with developmental disabilities and those who love them, as they pursue life as a valued citizen and contributing community member. Prepared in April 2017, this review of the first two years of the IFDP outlines the history, complexity, and possibility of creating and sustaining Independent Facilitation as one innovative option of support.

Common Threads Reflections 2016

Hosted in Toronto in November 2016, the second OIFN Common Threads Conference brought together people and families, independent facilitators, and other allies to experience where our roles, values, and goals weave together. This reflection written by John O'Brien offers a glimpse of the spirit of the conference – thinking differently, imagining new possibilities, and learning from stories of inspiration that showcased the role of Independent Facilitation in supporting people and families to create change in their lives and perceive and act upon their citizenship in new ways

Probing the Edges of the Work of Independent Facilitation

Through in-depth discussions with independent facilitators from 6 of the 7 IFOs funded by the IFDP, OIFN explored the unique and expansive offering of Independent Facilitation. This reflection is the result of these efforts to clarify the role of facilitating change.

An Ecosystem for Growing Possibilities

Emerging from an OIFN visioning session in March 2016, this reflection explores the inter-connected network of relationships needed to foster growth and change in the developmental services sector. Relationships with people and families, autonomous self-advocacy and family groups, and the Ministry of Community and Social Services are inherent to the work of Independent Facilitation.

Common Threads Reflections 2014

The Common Threads Conference hosted in April 2014 composed portraits of person-centered work. Everyone who attended had the chance to expand their understanding by reflecting on the hopes and meanings attached to doing the work. This reflections was written by John O'Brien with contributions from several conference presenters.

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