

We need to give each other the space to grow, to be ourselves, to exercise our diversity. We need to give each other space so that we may both give and receive such beautiful things as ideas, openness, dignity, joy, healing, and inclusion.

**Max de Pree**

### Family Alliance Ontario

is a well respected family based, volunteer not-for-profit organization.

*FAO is an alliance of citizens that offers knowledge, tools and networking opportunities to individuals with disabilities and their families to assist them to realize a vision that includes having valued relationships, choice and control in their lives, and enables inclusion through meaningful contribution and participation in their communities.*

You can help support a **strong family voice** by becoming a member.

Individual / Family Membership  
In Family Alliance Ontario  
\$25.00 / year

Sign up today for preferred conference rates

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

\*You are required to make your own hotel reservation.

Quote “**Family**” for the reduced rate of \$79.00/night;  
*for reservations made by Sept. 16th.*

The 2 accessible rooms with double beds are in the block of rooms. Hotel Amenities: Large rooms (2 double or 2 queen beds); small bar fridge; coffee maker; microwave, TV, and comp. Wi-Fi. Cots available upon request, but only in rooms with double bed. Restaurant; heated indoor pool and fitness room, parking on site.

**Call hotel today to reserve your room!**

519-681-4900 or 1-800-303-3733

### TRAVEL

#### From East:

Travelling West on the 401 to London, exit at Exeter Road, #186, go 1 km, turn left onto Bessemer Rd, turn right into Ramada property.

#### From West:

Travelling East on the 401 to London, take exit # 186, Wellington Rd. Turn left onto Wellington Rd. Turn right onto Exeter Road, then right into Ramada property.

### Questions?

Contact: Joyce Balaz

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**Family Alliance Ontario  
Conference  
and Annual General Meeting**

**September 23-25, 2011**

**RAMADA LONDON**  
817 Exeter Rd.

**Let's come together to**

**Connect with others**—make new connections or rekindle old acquaintances

**Share inspirational stories** of individuals and families

**Learn**—from and with each other

**Work together**—to find solutions to help move forward

*With an added touch of entertainment!*

Hosted in partnership with:

**The London & Area  
Family Network**

***You must be the change you wish to see in the world.***  
Mohandas Gandhi

## CONFERENCE

### Friday—Coming Together—7:00 pm—9:30 pm

Registration and Reception with Light Refreshments  
Displays  
Brainstorming Session—Ministry announcements and direction

### Saturday—Learning from One Another—7:45 am- 6:30 pm

Morning—Includes breakfast & snack

Registration: 7:45 am—9 am

**Keynote Address:** John Lord—author, parent, researcher, facilitator highlights a paradigm shift to supports which provide for a rich life in community with friends

**Developmental Services Ontario**—An update from the Ministry followed by a Question & Answer session

**Panel Discussion—Stories of Community**—hear what others are doing

Afternoon—Includes lunch & snack

**Supported Decision Making**—identify the issues around legal capacity that affect individuals and their families

**RDSP & Henson Trusts**—Pat Benoit will present information to help people make decisions about investing in their future

**Panel Discussion**—More Stories of Community

**Putting it all Together**—facilitated session that explores what we have learned today and the implications of that learning

### Family Alliance Annual General Meeting

Evening—includes Dance 7:30 pm—midnight

**Dinner**—choose to order the plated dinner at \$25.00 (pre-order by Sept. 16th); or make your own dinner plans

**Dance**—Families join together to dance the night away; perfect opportunity for more connecting; networking and fun!

## PROGRAMME

### Sunday—Moving Forward—9:00 am-2:00 pm

Morning—Includes breakfast & snack

**Panel Discussion—Stories of Community**—hear from more people about their lives in community

**Coming Together**—What have we learned? An opportunity for individuals and families to share learnings from their different perspectives.

**Moving Forward**—how do we move forward in our personal lives; in our roles as advocates; as an organization?

Afternoon—includes lunch

**Leave Here Laughing**—Comedian Gordon Paynter knows how to turn an obstacle into an advantage!

**Closing Remarks**

### SUBSIDIES ARE AVAILABLE

*Although conference fees have been kept as low as possible in order to accommodate families, FAO would like to ensure that families coming great distances, and families with higher financial needs, have the opportunity to attend the conference. We would be happy to discuss subsidy on an individual/family basis for assistance with travel, hotel, conference and/or support costs.*

### METHOD OF PAYMENT

Complete the **Registration Form**, enclose with cheque or money order payable to Family Alliance Ontario, mail to: FAO 2011 Conference c/o Joyce Balaz, 63 Aponi Cres. London, ON N5V 2V3

or

register on-line with secure credit card payment at [www.family-alliance.com](http://www.family-alliance.com)

*If you don't design your own life plan, chances are you'll fall into someone else's plan. And guess what they have planned for you? Not much.*

**Jim Rohn**

## REGISTRATION FORM

Early Bird Registration Deadline—Sept. 9\*

The 2011 FAO Conference is tailored to busy family lives. Plan for a full weekend or just come Saturday. \*\*\*Saturday registration fee includes Friday evening. Family Rate is for 3 people. We are offering separate program opportunities for individuals and self advocates on Saturday. This program will be developed based on the interests of participants.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Indicate age if under 12

Affiliate with \_\_\_\_\_ family group or Network

Individual / Self Advocate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Hotel Reservations Made? \_\_\_ Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_ Sept 24<sup>th</sup>

\_\_\_ FAO Annual Membership Fee - \$25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### # of FAO Members

\_\_\_ Saturday \$ 50 each Family - \$140 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Full W/End \$ 75 each Family - \$190 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### # of Non-FAO Members

\_\_\_ Saturday \$ 90 each Family - \$240 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Full W/End \$110 each Family - \$320 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Organization

\_\_\_ Saturday \$150 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Full W/End \$180 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional Saturday Dinner—must be pre-ordered** (vegetarian option available)

\_\_\_ Saturday night dinner @ 25.00 /plate \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Deadline for ordering is Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>)

**TOTAL FEES** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary needs? \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Will you be attending Friday evening? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Individuals / Self-Advocates, tell us what is important to you \_\_\_\_\_

\*All registration fees increase by \$20.00 after deadline

## REFUND POLICY

Full refund for cancellation of registration up to **September 16, 2011**. After that date an \$50.00 administration fee will be charged. Membership fees will not be refunded.