

Mainstream's Historical Profile



September 1984

Mainstream: An Unsheltered Workshop founded

January 1986

Receive \$11,000 in United Way Funding

May 1986

The United Way enriches funding to \$65,000 annually

April 1987

Ministry of Community and Social Services funds

Workshop Program for \$45,000 annually

January 1988

Mainstream Non Profit Housing receives funding for 20 units

May 1988

Homes for the Homeless Project approved 1 - 3 bedroom home

September 1988

Supportive Independent Living Program received funding from MCSS

September 1990

Supported Living Program funded and 3 individuals from Oxford

Regional Centre (ORC) move to Lafayette

February 1992

A second Supported Living home is funded and 4 individuals from ORC move to Shoreline

January 1993

Mainstream restructures using Open Space Technology and the Resource Centre format is created

September 1993

Mainstream receives Ministry of Housing funding to build a 4 bedroom wheelchair accessible home on Rykert Street

October 1993

MCSS Minor Capital received to purchase new wheelchair van

March 1994

Rykert is opened for 4 individuals from ORC

October 1997

IENACT funded by Environment Canada

December 1998

Supported Living Program proposal to add a 5th person at Rykert is approved

March 2000

Mainstream purchases a second van

February 2001

Options Niagara A Foundations Initiative is funded by MCSS

March 2001

Unit D at 25 Main St. is renovated to accommodate Options Niagara and Adult Literacy Programs

May 2001

Options Niagara begins operations

July 2003

Options Niagara received a funding enhancement from MCSS

December 2003

Supportive Independent Living program receives funding to support two individuals with higher needs.

June 2004

Mainstream purchases 263 Pelham Rd. and renovations begin.

October 2004

Mainstream moves offices and Resource Centre Program to 263 Pelham Rd.

January 2005

Mainstream hosts a Grand Opening for our building at 263 Pelham Rd.

February 2005

Mainstream Showcases Famous People Players

March 2005

Options Niagara receives a funding from MCSS to support 10 more people

August 2005

Mainstream receives a personal donation to purchase a van for the Resource Centre

September 2005

Mainstream's proposal to accommodate an individual moving from Southwestern Regional Centre (SRC) approved by MCSS

September 2005

Proposal to renovate Rykert St. basement approved and MCSS funds the \$42,000 project.

December 2005

Individual from SRC moves into Rykert

March 2006

Renovations to Rykert completed and Transitional Aged Youth moves in

March 2006

Mainstream receives MCSS funding to purchase a new van.

August 2007

Funding Proposal (\$630,000) to build 9 one bedroom apartments in partnership with Gateway and Mountainview Homes is approved.

Aug 2007

A proposal to repatriate one person from Southwestern Regional Centre is approved.

Sept 2007

Mainstream receives \$70,000 in capital funding to renovate Rykert St.

October 2007

91 Pelham Rd purchased to accommodate growing need for program and office space.

January 2008

Renovations completed at 91 Pelham and Options Niagara moves in.

March 2008

Accreditation Coordinator is appointed and the Accreditation Dream Team begin weekly meetings

October 2009

Mainstream receives SIL funding from MCSS for 160 Ontario St to support five individuals with a dual diagnosis

November 2009

FOCUS Accreditation Services completes the on site validation

December 2009

160 Ontario St. is completed and first tenants move in
Mainstream is awarded a three year Accreditation status from FOCUS Accreditation Services.

June 2010

Ministry of Housing hosts official opening of 160 Ontario St.