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Dear Partnership Table Member,

I am pleased to share with you the English and French versions of the Hiring a Support Worker Guide. This Guide was completed and posted on the Ministry website in December 2013.

As you may know, as part of Ontario's developmental services transformation, the Ministry of Community and Social Services held consultations with individuals, families and service providers. During these consultations, the need for tools to help adults with developmental disabilities hire their own support staff was identified, and subsequently the Ministry established a working group of self-advocates to assist with the development of a guide for individuals on recruiting and managing their own staff.

The purpose of this booklet is to provide a plain language resource that helps individuals explore the process of hiring a support worker using their own funds (e.g., employment income, direct funding program, or other sources). The Guide is of interest to families, individuals with developmental disabilities, and other people and organizations with an interest in supporting people to hire their own staff.

These documents are also available on the Ministry website at <http://mcss.gov.on.ca/en/mcss/publications/developmentalServices/developmentalServices.aspx>

If you could pass on the information to your network and any other people and organizations with an interest (i.e. community organizations, and family networks) I would appreciate it.

If you have questions about the Guide, please contact Elizabeth Royle at 416 212 6160 or Elizabeth.Royle@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

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Director

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