

**CLAPW FAMILY  
SUPPORT  
GROUP  
MEETING #6  
APRIL 17, 2024**

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&  
Wendy Holliday - Manager

# INTRODUCTION

The CLAPW FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP initiative is to help families with issues that concern them regarding their loved one. We hope to share our ideas with each other at our monthly meetings and to cover any areas of interest.

CLAPW Yearly Membership is still only \$10/year; March 2024 – March 2025. Membership ensures you receive important information on Community Resources, Quarterly Newsletter and Upcoming Events. Membership also allows you to have a vote at Annual AGM.

**All meetings will be held the Third Wednesday of the month from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.**

**No meetings in July or August.**

# CURRENT MEMBERS

- Sylvia Thornton
- Judy McMullan
- Marion Fulcher
- Lynda Dionne
- Chris Robinson
- Eileen & Bert Calderone
- Suzanne Underwood
- Pam Murdoch
- Jackie Stewart
- Janet Tataryn
- Megan Harris
- Joani Fletcher
- Christina Constantinou
- Margaret Harrison
- Erica Seaton
- Maqbool Ahmad
- Karen & Josh MacDonald
- Gillian Mann
- Donna Dalton



# **Journey to Belonging**

**At this meeting we watched a video presentation on the Journey to Belonging: Choice and Inclusion, presented by MCCSS (Ministry of Children Community and Social Services), on September 29, 2023.**

**This video explained the rise of Journey to Belonging and the gradual acceptance as it stands today. Although interesting to watch, we all realized that this subject is still many years away from being implemented. However, that shouldn't stop us from being prepared where our loved ones are concerned.**

**Wendy passed out the Person-Directed Home Living Options Handbook for Individuals, Their Families & Support Network Teams to each of us. As you can see by the attached Table of Contents, this Handbook covers all areas necessary to create an Individualized Plan for our loved one. Completing this will give us all a sense of control and ease should anything happen to us.**

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# **DISCUSSION**

**Lots of good discussion happened at tonight's meeting. Members shared information on where to call for respite care.**

- Nova's Ark – Animal Assisted Therapy located in the Town of Brooklin  
Check out their day programs on their website, or call 905-706-1009 for information.**
- Community Living Durham North – Their respite services provide families with brief periods of rest or relief. They offer short-term overnight care for adults through a 24 hour staff supported model. They offer two respite homes; one in Uxbridge and one in Port Perry. To apply, contact DSO (Developmental Services Ontario), Toll free: 1-855-277-2121.**
- Community Living Oshawa Clarington (CLOC). 905-576-301 They also offer short term respite.**

# TOPICS OF INTEREST

- **Legalities of supported situations:**
  - Power of Attorney
  - Guardianship
  - RDSP: Guardianship/ Trustees
- **DAFERS (Durham Association for Family Resources and Support)**  
It would be a great idea to have someone from DAFERS come and speak at a future meeting .





# MEETING SCHEDULE

**MAR 16/24**

**APRIL 17/24**

**MAY 15/24**

**JUNE 12/24**

**SEPT 18/24**

**Special Event!**  
**3:00-6:00 pm**  
**For Parents/  
Caregivers &  
Loved Ones**

**Journey to  
Belonging**

**Presenter:**  
**Wendy Holliday**

**Journey to  
Belonging –  
Discussion and  
Chapter 1**

**Presenter:**  
**Wendy Holliday**

**Welcome!**

**Presenter:**  
**Sylvia Thornton**



**THANK YOU !**

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