

Access

It is estimated that 22,000 people in Windsor-Essex County alone are living with a chronic disability due to complex neurological conditions such as multiple sclerosis, stroke, spinal cord injury, acquired brain injury, cerebral palsy, developmental and intellectual disabilities.

These individuals may or may not be connected to one of our members. The model we envision crosses disability and focusses on needs.

The actual diagnosis is less important than addressing those needs in a timely fashion to improve quality of life.

The Five Spokes Of The Beyond Disability Network

The Beyond Disability Rehabilitation network is composed of five main spokes: social support, health, empowerment, education and livelihood. Just like a wheel draws its strength from its many spokes, so too does the network!

Social Support

Whether you're looking for emotional support, physical support, or any other kind of support, our partners will be able to assist you.

Empowerment

We want you to be able to live your best life. Here you'll find our blog profiling individuals living with disabilities and their many accomplishments.

Education

So many resources go unnoticed, but we can help educate you!

Livelihood

Helping you access the programs and tools to live your best life.

Good Health

Items and services that can make your day-to-day life easier can be found here!

“ I choose not to place
“DIS”, in my ability. ”

-Robert M. Hansel



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*A collaborative community hub
enhancing the quality of life for persons
with a chronic disability.*

History

There is an unmet need in accessing rehabilitation services in an ongoing fashion.

Persons with chronic disabilities are being “discharged” but their need for system navigation support (medical, social, transportation, fitness, etc.) never goes away.

The access gate to the world of disability services is usually the hospital.

There is no place to go (after one is discharged from hospital or outpatient services) to learn about living with a disability.

Beyond Disability has been a long time in formulation and has evolved over the years to focus more on the social support side:

- social networking
- sharing of information and resources
- peer support, etc.

Inception of Beyond Disability

Beyond Disability Rehabilitation Network (“Beyond Disability”):

- Incorporated in 2010
- operates as a not-for-profit network
- governed by a Board of Directors which is guided by a Partnership Council

Beyond Disability has partnered with Hotel-Dieu Grace Healthcare (“HDGH”). HDGH has graciously agreed to lease room 1326 to Beyond Disability for a nominal fee.

Partnership Council

The Partnership Council (the “Council”) is made up of community organizations that service persons with chronic disabilities.



The Council meets 4 times a year to guide the direction of Beyond Disability (Beyond Disability in Room 1326 HDGH).

Members are encouraged to bring their voice, ideas, and enthusiasm to the table.



Our Members include but are not limited to:

Accessibility Resource Sharing

A.L.S. Society of (Windsor) Essex County

Assisted Living Southwestern Ontario

Brain Injury Association of Windsor & Essex County

Community Living Essex County

Community Living Windsor

District Stroke Centre Windsor-Essex

Handi-Transit

Hotel-Dieu Grace Healthcare (Partner)

John McGivney Children’s Centre

Law, Disability & Social Change Project

March of Dimes Canada

MS Community Windsor Essex County Optimist

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada Windsor Essex Chapter

Rose City Riot

Spinal Cord Injury Ontario

Tetra Society of North America

Windsor Amputee Support Group