

EDSON'S Reflections Launches Employment Assistance Services Program

By Dawn Ferron, EAS Coordinator

A presentation has been made to NABIS clients regarding the Reflections Employment Assistance Services Program (EAS). NABIS supports the EAS Program by providing referrals of clients who are ready to obtain employment and may benefit from the support the EAS Program provides. The EAS Program assists individuals who are experiencing barriers to employment that may include a lack of education or a lack of employment history. The program helps clients connect with empathic employers, the community and peers who are experiencing similar employment barriers. One of these empathic employers is Steel Works Manufacturing Ltd., who has employed a NABIS client.

NABIS has helped the EAS Program design a

weekly morning support group called **RISE, Reaching Individual Success Enthusiastically**. At these breakfast meetings, clients share their accomplishments, their goals, their experiences and they have the opportunity to connect with other members in the group. **RISE will meet weekly on Wednesday mornings from 9-11am starting on March 5, 2008 at Reflections.** For more information about the EAS Program, please contact:

Dawn Ferron
EAS Coordinator
(780)723-2390.

Reflections is located at
5029 – 1st Avenue, Edson.



Edson & Area Service Coordinator Tannis Arsenault asked members of the Drayton Valley Brain Injury Support Group to provide a glimpse into what coming to group means to them....

Here's their response!

By Elvira Trydal, Drayton Valley

The people that come together in the group come with different problems ranging from i) brain injury and ii) people living with people with brain injuries. They manage to lift each other up so much with the different stories of the ways they work with their problems they face. They share what they do to up lift themselves with hobbies such as painting, wood working, hunting, having coffee with a friend and things they do in the community. Although, not everyone gets out very often.

Some of the time, by group's end, people are leaving a little bit brighter. Here is hoping that someone will have listened and understands that the sharing will help them to be successful in their journey with all the hurt and frustration they face.

We do want to thank those people that are working with them too.



What it's like to Go to a Brain Injury Support Group?

by Darcy & Linda Waltus
Drayton Valley

When the Brain Injury Support Group first started in Drayton Valley, Darcy and I went to every meeting.

Then as time went on and Darcy had the Day-Program workers, they helped him get a paying job at the motel folding laundry. It became harder and harder for Darcy to go to the Support Group Meetings because of his job, so we didn't go until October 2007 when Darcy had no Day-Program worker and very little to do during the day except for helping out at home. We decided to go once again to the Brain Injury Support Group and have been going since.

It is good to get out and meet with people that have similar problems like we do, and be able to get satisfaction from the meetings, while having coffee and getting out of the house. The group will remain part of our lives from now on.