

# Building Links for Better Mental Health

A conference which will bring together people working in a cross section of mental health programs, consumers/survivors, family members, people working in advocacy organizations, government and the justice system. It will be an opportunity to share information, to discuss key issues facing everyone involved in mental health, and to talk about how we can work together to make positive changes.

## November 3 (evening) and November 4, 2004

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#### CONFERENCE WILL INCLUDE:

- **Vincent** – a one act play by Terry Watada, produced by the Workman Theatre Project, followed by a panel discussion with a police officer, a psychiatric survivor, a family member and a front-line worker
- **The Chant** – a performance by the Workman Theatre Project

#### SPEAKERS:

- **Hon. George Smitherman**, Minister of Health (*invited*)
- **Dr. Barbara Everett**, CEO, Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario
- **Mike Ryan**, Acting Warden, Kingston Penitentiary
- **Helen Tucker**, family member and volunteer, Thunder Bay Schizophrenia Society
- **Charmaine Frado**, Development Co-ordinator, Edmund Yu Safe House Project
- **Warren (Smokey) Thomas**, RPN, Providence Continuing Care Centre, 1st Vice-President/ Treasurer, OPSEU
- **Lisa Heslop**, Family Consultant, Victim Services Unit, London Police Services
- **Dr. Kathleen Hartford**, Lawson Research Institute, London Health Sciences Centre
- **Dan Strahinich**, Vice President and Political Director, District 1199 – New England Health Care Employees Union
- **Natalie Mehra**, Coordinator, Ontario Health Coalition
- Members of the **Connecticut Keep the Promise Coalition**
- Members of the **Parkdale Green Thumb Enterprises** and the **Growing Green Jobs Project**