

Board of Directors Annual Membership Application

Thank you for your interest in a position on the Contact Brant Board of Directors.

How to Apply:

Applications may be submitted in one of two ways:

- Application Form (enclosed)
- Letter of Application and resume

We are interested in your educational, vocational, volunteer and personal experience.

A Board member will contact you once your application is received to answer any questions and may ask to clarify your information.

All information provided in your application will be kept confidential and used only for purposes of Board member application.

Who is eligible for Board Membership?

The following **requirements** for annual membership must be met according to Contact Brant By-Laws:

1. have been a resident of Brant for a continuous period of at least three months, or
2. be employed or carry on business in Brant; and
3. be eighteen (18) years of age or older; and
4. be willing to sign a declaration of commitment to the mission of the organization.

Furthermore, the following are deemed **ineligible** for annual membership:

1. the board members, owners, operators, shareholders and employees of MCSS/MCYS-funded service provider agencies, as well as their parents, siblings, children, spouses, common-law partners and same sex partners;
2. employees of the Hamilton/Niagara Regional Office of MCSS/MCYS, as well as their parents, siblings, children, spouses, common-law/same sex partners;
3. elected or appointed local government representatives including municipal, regional, county and township representatives;
4. employees of municipal, regional or county government departments responsible for the provision of services related to MCSS/MCYS funded children's and developmental services;
5. employees of the Corporation, as well as their parents, siblings, children, spouses, common-law partners and same sex partners.

FACTS about our Board:

- ❖ Board meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the month (excluding July/August) starting with dinner at 4:45 p.m. in the Contact Brant Board room
- ❖ We are a Policy Governance Board which means that we set Policy to guide the organization and ensure accountability, but are not involved in the day to day operations of the organization.



- VISION:** Contact Brant is the pathway to:
- Children's Mental Health Services
 - Developmental Services for individuals of all ages
 - Resources for families and individuals, and
 - Planning to enhance service delivery

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- MISSION:** One Door to access Brant's Children's Mental Health Services or Developmental Services for Children and Adults.
- Responsive to Individuals and Families
 - Working with Community Partners

CONTACT BRANT VALUES:

- The uniqueness of individuals and families
- Honesty and respect
- Community partnerships
- Timely response
- Responsible actions

History of Contact Brant 1997- 2009

- 1997 Making Services Work for People (MSWFP):** MCSS policy document called for communities to create single points of access for children's services and services for individuals of all ages who have a developmental disability
- Brant Advisory Panel:** The advisory panel consisted of service providers, consumers of services, and knowledgeable Brant citizens to advise regarding the Brant model
- 1998 Brant's Best Advice:** Final report of the Advisory Panel released January 26, 1998
- 1999 Contact Brant for Children's and Developmental Services** incorporated September 1999
- 2000 Agency opened:** Staff began work in the Spring of 2000; doors officially opened October 1, 2000 at 164 Colborne Street West

2000 - 2009

- **In partnership** with community agencies, the Common Tool for Intake, the Case Resolution Protocol, the Most in Need Tool, the Transitional Aged Youth Protocol, and the Community Collaboration Protocol were developed
- Utilize the **Brief Child and Family Phone Interview (BCFPI)**, a standardized provincially mandated assessment tool for Children's Mental Health Services; the provincial **Performance Measurement Survey (PMS)** to evaluate satisfaction with the access system; and **WebTracker**, a web based software that tracks individual client needs and provides detailed data for service system planning (now synchronized with Woodview Children's Mental Health and Autism Services)
- The Brant **Community Service Plans** for Developmental Services and for Children's Services were released in July 2003; on-going system planning occurs at the Children's Services Committee and Developmental Services Committee
- Implemented the MCSS **Passport funding** initiative in July 2006 which promotes community participation supports for individuals with a developmental disability
- Coordinate the tri-county partnership of **Your Guide** which is published three times/year to inform the community of workshops, courses and groups available free to children, youth and families
- **Trillium funding** received with community partners for several initiatives including a Respite Review, a Trauma Treatment Program initiative, Work in Special Needs promotion, and a Service Coordination review
- Contact Brant **moved to 25 King Street** October 3, 2008 due to increasing health and safety concerns at original location
- Implemented the **Supports Intensity Scale (SIS)** June 2009, a provincial standardized assessment tool that measures the pattern and intensity of supports needed by a person with a developmental disability

Looking forward...

Contact Brant Board and staff look forward to continuing to:

- connect people in the Brant community to the services they need
- work collaboratively with community partners to coordinate services for people
- provide leadership and work collaboratively with community partners to address system planning

Visit our website www.contactbrant.net for more information

Board experience:
Please tell us why you want to be part of the Contact Brant Board:
What qualities/skills do you offer that would assist the Contact Brant Board of Directors?
<p>Board meetings are monthly. There could be some ad hoc committee work as well.</p> <p>Are you available the 3rd Monday evening of each month (Sept . June, approx 2 - 3 hours) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Are you available to participate in additional committee work? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Are you available occasionally to represent Contact Brant at community events/meetings (e.g. attend other agency meetings or AGMs)? Daytime hours: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Evening hours: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

If additional space is needed, please use the back of this form or attach an extra sheet of paper or your resume.

Please return to:
Contact Brant, Attention: Denise Christensen, Administrative Assistant
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Brantford, ON N3T 3C4

Or via e-mail to: Denise@contactbrant.net