



**September, 2007**

**TO: AFFILIATES**

Greetings:

***OVER-STRESSED & UNDER FIRE:  
SOCIAL SERVICES, A UNION ISSUE***

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2007**

**DOUBLETREE INTERNATIONAL PLAZA HOTEL  
655 DIXON ROAD, TORONTO, ON**

On **Thursday, November 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**, the OFL is hosting a one-day Forum entitled: ***Over-Stressed & Under Fire: Social Services, A Union Issue.*** This forum will be held at the **Doubletree International Plaza Hotel, 655 Dixon Road, Toronto, Ontario.** Lunch will be provided for delegates.

The Forum will provide an opportunity for labour activists from all affiliates to discuss community based social services and to:

- talk about the need for quality services for our families and communities
- learn about the challenges facing workers and their unions as they try to provide these quality needed services
- effective bargaining and advocacy strategies undertaken by workers and their unions
- make the links to health care and education struggles
- develop action priorities for the OFL and affiliated unions.

OFL affiliates with members in this sector include: CEP, CUPE, OPSEU, SEIU, UFCW, UNITE HERE and USW.

The forum will use speakers, stories, facilitated discussion and theatre to address these important issues.

This forum will provide an important opportunity to better understand what is happening in the community based social services sector in Ontario and why it is so important for all Ontarians.

The registration fee for this forum will be \$75.00 which will include lunch. A registration form is enclosed. Please send the completed form together with your cheque payable to "OFL Social Services Forum." **Please note that the deadline for conference registration is October 25, 2007.** We expect space will be limited and registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Participants are responsible for making their own hotel arrangements. We have reserved a block of rooms at the hotel at the rate of \$129.00 plus tax per night. Please make your arrangements as soon as possible by contacting the Doubletree International Plaza Hotel at 1.800.668.3656 or (416) 244.1711 and telling them that you are attending this event.

### **Child Care**

It is OFL policy that we will provide child care services if more than ten children are registered for this service. **The deadline for the child care registration is October 18, 2007,** as we must make these arrangements separately with the child care provider. We have enclosed a Child Care Registration Form.

### **Accommodation**

Accommodation can be provided for delegates with disabilities if advance notice is received. If services are needed, please complete and return the attached **Personal Assistance Request Form by October 18, 2007.**

### **Allergy Alert**

**As is OFL policy, this conference will be scent free to ensure the active involvement of those with chemical sensitivity.**

Additional information and registration forms may be obtained from the OFL website at [www.ofl.ca](http://www.ofl.ca) or by contacting Sylvia Stewart at (416) 443.7674 or toll free at 1.800.668.9138.

In solidarity,

### **Terry Downey**

Executive Vice-President

cc: W. Samuelson, I. Harris  
OFL Executive Board and Council  
OFL Social Services Committee

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*Attachments*



**CHILDCARE REGISTRATION**

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**Please Return by October 18, 2007.**

Number of children requiring childcare \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_ OHIP# \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_ OHIP# \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any special dietary or medical requirements?

\_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have a nap during the day? \_\_\_\_\_

I would allow my child (children) to participate in an excursion. \_\_\_\_\_

Any special requirements for your child (bottles, diapers, special food) should accompany the child.

Unfortunately, due to prohibitive costs, childcare will **not** be provided if **less than ten (10) children register**. If this happens, you will be contacted by phone.

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**RELEASE FORM [Please print clearly]**

I hereby release the Ontario Federation of Labour from any and all claims for damages to the safety or health of my child, however caused.

Name of Delegate \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Local No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ (w) ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ (h) e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**RETURN TO:**

Sylvia Stewart, Ontario Federation of Labour, 15 Gervais Drive, 2nd Floor, Toronto, ON, M3C 1Y8 – Fax: 416.441.0722.

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<p><b>REGISTRATION FORM</b></p> <p><b>OVER-STRESSED UNDER FIRE: SOCIAL SERVICES, A UNION ISSUE</b></p> <p><b>THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2007</b></p> <p><b>DOUBLETREE INTERNATIONAL PLAZA HOTEL, 655 DIXON ROAD, TORONTO</b></p>	 <b>OFL/FTO</b>
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Please Return by October 25, 2007

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Local #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel.: Work [    ] \_\_\_\_\_ Home [    ] \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Please register the following \_\_\_\_ participant (s).

**PRINT CLEARLY! If you have more names, photocopy before filling in.**

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	TELEPHONE
		[    ]
		[    ]
		[    ]
		[    ]
		[    ]

Enclosed is a cheque in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$75.00 per delegate) which covers \_\_\_\_\_ delegate(s).

Send this completed form together with your cheque payable to "**OFL Social Services Forum**" no later than **October 25, 2007**.

Sylvia Stewart  
 Ontario Federation of Labour  
 15 Gervais Drive, 2nd Floor  
 Toronto, ON M3C 1Y8  
 Tel: 416.443.7674 - Fax: 416.441.0722

If childcare is required, please complete the form enclosed. Photocopy extra forms if needed.

**There will be NO REFUNDS for no-shows.**

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# PERSONAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST FORM



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## **ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS**

### **1. Nature of Your Disability**

If you consider that you have a disability how would you categorize your condition?

Mobility impairment \_\_\_\_\_ Deaf/Hearing impaired \_\_\_\_\_  
Blind/Visually impaired \_\_\_\_\_ Coordination impairment \_\_\_\_\_  
Speech impairment \_\_\_\_\_ Non-visible physical impairment \_\_\_\_\_  
Communications disability \_\_\_\_\_

Other, please specify:

\_\_\_\_\_

### **3. Personal Assistance**

Do you have a guide dog? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you require a personal care attendant to assist you? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

*If yes, will your personal care attendant accompany you to this conference?* Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Alternative Media**

Resource materials will be available on the OFL Web Page **www.ofl.ca**

Will you be using this source? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Will you need resource material in alternative media? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

*If yes, please specify:*

Large Print (preferred font size) \_\_\_\_\_

Braille \_\_\_\_\_

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Interpreter Service**

Requests for the services (sign language) provided by Ontario Interpreter Services must be received no later than October 18, 2007.

**Special Dietary Requirements or Allergies**

Do you have any dietary requirements or allergies that we should make the hotel aware of to assist them in their meal preparation?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

*If yes, please specify*

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**DELEGATE NAME:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Please print)**