

Business

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Business, psychiatric patients benefit from rehab program

A non-profit community-based rehabilitation program for people living with psychiatric illness, has proved to be a boon to both workers and clients.

Supported Training and Rehabilitation in Diverse Environments or **STRIDE**, has been operating in Halton for the past 17 years.

The basic concept of the program is that work is an integral part of the overall rehabilitation process for participants. And to that end, STRIDE offers a variety of services to meet individual needs including rehabilitation work environments, community placements, supported employment and an 'affirma-

STRIDE puts emphasis on returning to workforce

tive' business in Burlington. That operation, Get A Grip, has employees affixing rigid handles to 20 kg. water softener bags. In operation since 1995, STRIDE hopes to develop many other Affirmative Businesses.

STRIDE's services to businesses include a no-fee placement service, whereby it supplies pre-screened, experienced candidates for both permanent and temporary positions. Temporary job placements provide assistance to companies during peak periods, when there is insufficient staff to meet their demands.

With permanent placements, STRIDE maintains contact with both employer and employees after hiring.

Through contracts, STRIDE offers completion of work, such as collating, packaging, assembly, shrink-wrapping and correctional work, at its Rehabilitation sites in Halton.

STRIDE has three locations in the region, Oakville at 447 Speers Rd., unit 9 and in Milton and Acton.

For information on the Employment Placement Service, call Alison Brown at 338-1111 or on packaging/assembly work, call Mark Gooding at 330-5417. And for information on STRIDE's Affirmative Business, call Jan Deans at 333-5375.

Chambers want Flamborough to join Halton

The **Oakville and Burlington Chambers of Commerce** have sent a letter under the signatures of both presidents, to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, indicating their support for having the eastern portion of Flamborough join Halton. This supports the positions taken by the majori-

ties of Oakville and Burlington Councils and the wishes of East Flamborough residents.

"We understand the decision has been delayed by the minister in order to have time for more careful review on this very important issue," said Oakville Chamber president Bob

Griesbach. "The Flamborough Chamber of Commerce also endorsed this solution as being the best for its members and certainly the minister should listen to the views expressed by those people who will be most impacted by any decision being made by the province."

Unemployed offered free Internet program

If you are unemployed and ready to return to work or considering self-employment, you could be a candidate for the free Internet Working program in Burlington.

The course is sponsored through **Human Resources Development Canada**, Stirling & Associates and the YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington.

The two-week course is free and includes:

-Introduction to the Internet: Netscape Communicator and Microsoft Explorer, Managing Bookmarks and e-mail.

-How to Search the Internet: Search engines, keyword searches and advanced search techniques.

-Conducting a Career Search: Local-national-interna-

tional sites and company research.

-Writing and posting an Electronic Resumé: Scanned resumé, online resumé services, electronic profiles.

-Career, Employment and Skill Training Resources: Local resources, newsgroups, mailing lists, training courses.

Classes are held every 2nd Monday at 760 Brant St., Suite 405.

Program hours are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.) for two weeks. Applicants must have an up-to-date resumé, basic word-processing skills and familiarity with Windows 95.

Call the registration hotline at 681-1140 ext. 230.

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