

# Conversations at the Crossroads – Jan. 17th, 2019

## News Coverage for Windsor and Essex County

### **Blackburn News**

Story was aired on the radio during the day January 17, 2019, prior to the event, then posted on-line at 5:00 am the next morning pointing people to the Facebook page and website for Independent Facilitation Matters.

#### **Group calls for disability funding to continue**

By Mark Brown – January 18, 2019 5:00 am

*“A local grassroots organization is drawing attention to the need to keep funding available for those with developmental disabilities. . . . .”*

<https://blackburnnews.com/windsor/windsor-news/2019/01/18/event-calls-funding-developmental-disabilities/>

### **CBC News Windsor**

#### **CBC TV News Windsor at 6:00 with Arms Bumanlag**

Story aired live during the event January 17, 2019

- the event was announced at the beginning of the news cast and then aired after other news at the **8 minute, 45 second mark (8:45 to 12:06)**
- **Rally for Disability Funding** (title across the screen)
- Reporter Jason Viau

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1427917379647>

### **CTV News Windsor**

#### **CTV News Windsor - 11 pm News with Jim Crichton**

Local news story was taped during the event and prepared ahead for the 11 pm news that evening, January 17, 2019

- See it at approximately the 2 minute, 20 second point (2:20 – 3:35)
- Opened with the words : Action orientated gathering (no title on screen)
- Aired again the next day on the 6 pm news

<https://windsor.ctvnews.ca/video?binId=1.1807102>

## **Windsor Star**

### ***'Devastated' - families fight funding cuts for people with disabilities***

**By Doug Schmidt**

Updated January 18, 2019

*"Over a hundred local adults with developmental disabilities, along with their families and supporters, are reeling from news that the province is about to cut off funding for a support program that was started in Windsor and that they see as vital to keeping them engaged and productive in the community. . . ."*

<https://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/devastated-families-fight-funding-cuts-for-people-with-disabilities>

(Note: Windsor Star is currently working on a second story as a follow-up including an interview with another family. The story will be completed over the weekend.)

## **CBC News Windsor** (on-line)

### ***Family of people with developmental disabilities fighting cuts to program, \$3.1 M program to end April 1***

**By Dale Molnar – CBC News**

Posted Jan 19, 2019, 5:00 am, last updated Jan 18

*"Family members of people who have developmental disabilities are mobilizing to fight a Ford government cut to a service that helps their loved ones lead a normal life."*

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*"I was at home. I felt like there was nothing that I could do, I was playing video games in the basement," said 20 year-old Corbin Szymczak"*

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*"We're talking about some of the most vulnerable people in our community and communities across the province," said Gretzky."*

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/facilitator-disabled-provincial-government-cuts-family-support-1.4983142>

**AM800 CKLW** (on-line)

## **Residents fight to keep programs for the disabled**

**By Gord Bacon**

Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – 7:35 am

*“More than 100 parents, friends and family members with developmental disabilities are saying 'no' to Ontario government funding cuts.*

*When March ends, so does the funding for Independent Facilitation at Windsor-Essex Brokerage for Personal Supports.” . . . .*

<http://www.iheartradio.ca/am800/news/residents-fight-to-keep-programs-for-the-disabled-1.8677097>

## **AM800 CKLW Radio News**

The issue was also broadcast on AM800 Radio during the Morning News the day after the event, January 18, 2019

## **Windsor Star**

### **Made-in-Windsor support program for disabled losing funding**

**By Taylor Campbell**

Updated January 23, 2019

*“Without a made-in-Windsor support service for adults with disabilities, Heather Tellier would be on a lengthy wait list for a group home she might have hated.*

*Instead, the 25-year-old Windsor woman with autism has found her own apartment and is looking for a job, all with the help of a unique, personalized planning service called Independent Facilitation, which shuts down in April when it loses its provincial funding.”*

To read more go to the following link:

<https://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/made-in-windsor-support-program-for-disabled-losing-provincial-funding>