



## ATN Access for Persons with Disabilities Inc. Annual Report 2010-2011

### Message from the Executive Director

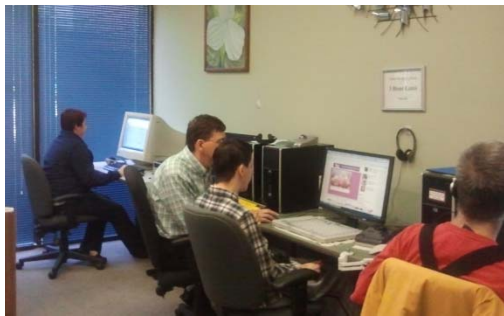
*Last year I wrote about looking back on how far ATN had come in the last twenty-odd years. This year, I'm focusing on the future. We have a few reasons to feel concerned about the coming year, but just as many to anticipate it with excitement.*

*When the slow economy, looming provincial election, or continued uncertainty about our place in the Employment Ontario scheme of things give me sleepless nights, I make myself look for the positives in our situation. Our statistics are good again this year. We helped more people prepare for and find employment than ever before. The ATN team continues to be as vibrant, innovative, and dynamic as they always have been.*

*On top of all this, we have some extremely exciting future initiatives to look forward to. Next year I will be reporting to you about a youth employment pilot project we will run from April to November of 2011 sponsored by HRSDC.*

*So, while I'm a little concerned about the future, I'm also optimistic that ATN will not only survive, but also thrive, in whatever political or economic climate we find ourselves. Once again this year I want to thank my staff for all their hard work over the past year, our board of directors for helping chart the course, and the many volunteers who assist our clients to achieve their goals.*

Vicki Mayer, Executive Director  
September, 2011



*Clients using computers for work and leisure at the Tanys Quesnel Living Learning centre*

### Learning Disability Services

ATN's Learning Disability Services, which helps adults with a variety of learning barriers achieve their educational and employment goals, had another busy year. Over the previous twelve months, we referred 76 clients for psycho-educational assessments, provided on-line learning opportunities to 68 clients, and created individual learning plans and provided one-on-one or small group tutoring to 62 clients.

### Employment Services

Though 2010-2011 was a challenging year economically for our region, ATN's Employment Specialists pulled out all the stops in their efforts to assist our clients to find employment. In addition to working with clients from the three Skills for Employment programs we ran this past year, they made a record number of employer contacts (over 100 in fact), and over 132 of our clients were hired.

### Outreach

The past fiscal year was a busy one for Outreach. We completed intakes on over 60 new clients in the communities of St. Thomas, Woodstock, Strathroy, West Lorne, Parkhill, Lucan, Ilderton, Dorchester, and Tillsonburg. The Outreach team are a versatile bunch, and some of the services they provided include: job maintenance and preparation, job search and resume writing assistance, job shadowing, computer and basic skills upgrading, life skills, learning disability pre-screening assessments, and assistive technology assessments and training.

### ETAC

During 2010-2011, ETAC continued to offer job seekers a number of different job search related services, including resume and cover letter assistance, access to computers and the internet, a telephone and fax machine, and advice on numerous employment issues. ETAC provided services and resources to 301 individual clients, with 169 of them being first time users of our services. One hundred-and one client satisfaction surveys were completed.

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## Links2Work

Overall, Links2Work had a successful year with a total of 95,075 site visitors and 197 resumes submitted to the advisor for comments. In the spring, the site was updated and given a fresh look with new colours and graphics. Comments from users have been favourable. Referrals to our website come through word-of-mouth and other agencies in the London employment sector as well as through internet search.

## In-house Programs

ATN continues to offer a full-time Skills for Employment program which includes job search, academic upgrading, life skills and computer classes. This year a total of 23 clients participated in the three SE programs that were offered. The 4-week Introductory Computer program continues to be a popular choice for individuals interested in upgrading their computer skills only. Sixty-seven clients participated in the eleven programs we offered last year.



*Participants in the Summer Experience program enjoyed a pizza party on the last day of camp*

## Kid's Summer Experience Program

For the second consecutive year, our hallways rang with laughter (and the pitter patter of not-so-tiny feet), as we once again offered a summer experience program for children between eight and twelve years of age. Thirty kids with a variety of learning barriers participated in the three two-week camp sessions which included computer activities, assistive technology instruction, and outdoor games.

## Fee-for-Service

This year we helped clients referred to us by WSIB, Parkwood Hospital (neurotrauma rehabilitation), private insurance companies, and organizations such as Goodwill, Ontario Works, and Regional

Mental Health Care. We also continue to support individuals referred from other ATN programs for assistive technology training and academic support.

## Tanys Quesnel Living Learning Centre

Last year was a busy one at the TQLLC. We continue to provide a drop-in computer lab for people with disabilities and seniors, offer sign language courses at night, and seniors computer classes in the mornings. We received 2,809 visits from 245 clients, for a total of 4,562 hours of service.

## Financial Position at March 31, 2011

Total Assets	\$895,666
Liabilities	\$114,638
Equity	\$781,028
Statement of Operations	
Revenue	\$1,202,546
Expenses	\$1,188,678
Excess of Revenue	\$13,868

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