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# Ontario BSS Project-Phase 1

## *“Keeping you in the know”*

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## The first Newsletter

*Welcome to the first Ontario Behavioural Support Systems Project Newsletter!*

We plan to keep you updated on the progress of our project regularly between now and October when we will deliver the final report.

In this issue we report on

our recent kick off event, and highlight the ways that we hope you will become involved in the project as it moves forward.

Of particular interest is the inventory of BSS projects in Ontario and the team really needs your help to make this a reality.

Please feel free to share this newsletter with your colleagues.

If you have received the newsletter from a colleague and you would like to be on the mailing list just go to [www.bssproject.ca](http://www.bssproject.ca) and click on “Sign up for Mailing List”

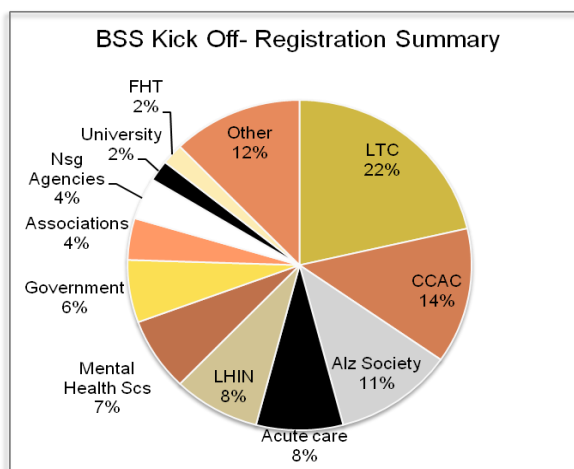
## Our Kick Off- Lets get started!

The BSS Project- Phase 1 kicked off our work with a highly participatory webinar on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

We were fortunate enough to have over 300 participants from across the province (and a few colleagues from across Canada- wonderful!).

It is clear that people are excited about the opportunity to improve the lives of individuals with behavioural challenges.

The presentation slide deck is available at [www.bssproject.ca](http://www.bssproject.ca)



### Comment from a Kick off Participant:

*“I commend the group for initiating a systems wide approach to resolving what is becoming an increasingly complex issue for clients, families and providers”*

### Comment from a Care Giver on the Announcement:

*“My spontaneous reaction to your announcement of behavioral support systems is; congratulations! Your insight in recognizing the reality and magnitude of the problems created by dementia is the first step in a long journey ahead.”*

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Do you have questions or  
comments?

Send them along to:

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## BSS Project – Phase 1: *Overview*

This project aims to improve the lives of Ontarians with behaviours associated with complex and challenging mental health, dementia or other neurological conditions living in long-term care homes or in independent living settings.

Phase one of the project has received one time

funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term care and will provide the foundation for a proposed phase 2.

This first phase is focused on defining the target population in greater detail, proposing a scalable system model based on best practices and establishing an

appropriate measurement and evaluation framework

In Phase 2 the project proposes to test the potential of specific interventions to improve outcomes and examine how to implement these more broadly throughout the system

### How can you participate?

The success of this project is dependent upon ensuring the products are as much as possible grounded in the innovations and experiences of the field experts.

As a result, the project is hoping for your participation in several ways.

If you have documents you think would be helpful to the project, please send along to [bss@alzheimeront.org](mailto:bss@alzheimeront.org)



#### VIRTUAL ADVISORY PANEL

We are asking for volunteers to help the project by reviewing draft products through virtual means (e.g. survey monkey)

We may also ask for your advice through focus groups, teleconferences or one-on-one.

If you are interested go to [www.bssproject.ca](http://www.bssproject.ca) and click on "Virtual Advisory Panel Sign-Up"

#### INVENTORY OF BSS PROJECTS

We are creating an inventory of planned, implemented and recently completed BSS projects in Ontario. BSS Projects are ones aimed at improving the lives of the individuals in the target population and we are interested in all types of projects in all sectors!

It will take about 20-30 minutes to enter your project and you will be asked to provide a project summary or abstract. Feel free to copy paste from something you may have already created!

To enter your project just go to [www.bssproject.ca](http://www.bssproject.ca) and click on "Add to Inventory of BSS Projects"

### BSS Project – Phase 1- Fast Facts

- ✓ The BSS Project Phase 1 started on January 4<sup>th</sup> 2010 and is anticipated to end in October, 2010.
- ✓ *Project Deliverables Include:*
  - Behavioural Support Systems Model
  - Evaluation Framework
  - Final Report with recommendations for Phase 2
- ✓ It is a provincial project with primary leadership from the North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN (NSM LHIN)
- ✓ Project partners include provincial organizations such as Alzheimer Society of Ontario (ASO) and Alzheimer Knowledge Exchange (AKE) as well as divisions of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC).