

ALBERTA BRAIN INJURY INITIATIVE

BULLETIN

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- ✓ The Alberta Brain Injury Initiative is well under way. The consultant, Peter Faid, has been very busy over the last month gathering information from a variety of sources.
 - Peter Faid completed 16 Focus Groups for survivors of brain injury and their family members, in 7 Alberta communities. Approximately 180 people attended the Focus Groups and provided valuable insight into what the needs are for persons with brain injury in Alberta. A summary of this information is outlined in the attached document *What Survivors and Family Members Have Been Saying*.
 - Meetings and interviews with other key stakeholders in the brain injury community (service providers, community agencies, etc) are wrapping up soon.
 - The information gathered is being organized into a draft paper that will outline a policy framework and action plan to be presented for review and discussion at a Forum on December 8 and 9, 2000.
- ✓ The Coalition Action Group met again on October 31, 2000 to provide feedback to the consultant on the information he has gathered from the Focus Groups and Stakeholder meetings. The group will be meeting again in November to review the draft paper prior to its presentation at the Forum.
- ✓ The two day provincial Forum will take place in Red Deer, Alberta. 125 persons will be **invited** to attend, with 1/3 of the attendees being survivors, 1/3 family members and 1/3 other key stakeholders. Attendees will be chosen from North, South and Central regions of the province with equal representation from each area.
- ✓ Following the Forum, an Action Plan will be drafted for review by the Coalition Action Group in January 2001 and presented to Government.
- ✓ If you would like more detailed information in regards to the Alberta Brain Injury Initiative, please contact your nearest Coalition Action Group member from the attached list, or Tessa Stanley at (780) 427-2388, toll free by calling 310-0000 then requesting 427-2388.