



Reena and NTG Canadian Consortium Secure Funding for Innovative Project Supporting Adults with IDD Affected by Dementia

Vaughan, November 27, 2023 – Reena, in equal partnership with the National Task Group (NTG) Canadian Consortium, is delighted to announce the successful acquisition of funding for an unprecedented 16-month project (commencing Winter 2022 to March 2024). This remarkable achievement, made possible by the generous support of the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) through the Dementia Strategy Fund, recognizes the unique impact of dementia on individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities (IDD).

The primary objective of this ground-breaking project is to update and adapt existing guidance developed by the National Task Group (NTG-US) on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices, utilizing a Canadian perspective. By focusing on individuals living with dementia who also have IDD, the project aims to provide vital information to adults with IDD, their families, and community disability, health care, and senior-serving organizations/services. The goal is to enhance the provision of quality dementia-capable services and supports, ultimately improving the lives of those affected.

Reena and the NTG Canadian Consortium are honored to jointly undertake this vital endeavor, demonstrating their shared commitment to promoting inclusivity, independence, and well-being for individuals with IDD. This partnership harnesses the collective expertise and resources of both organizations, ensuring a comprehensive and impactful approach to achieving the project's objectives.

"Reena and the NTG Canadian Consortium extend their gratitude to the Public Health Agency of Canada for their support and recognition of the importance of this project," says Sandy Stemp, Reena's COO. "We are both excited to leverage this funding to develop innovative solutions, empower caregivers, and improve the lives of adults with IDD affected by dementia throughout Canada."

The awarded funding from PHAC's Dementia Strategy Fund not only validates the urgent need for specialized support for individuals with IDD affected by dementia but also provides the means to bring about meaningful change. This project represents a significant step toward addressing the unique challenges faced by this vulnerable population, ensuring they receive the care and assistance they deserve.

For more information about Reena and the project, please visit www.reena.org.