Media Release

After years of government downloading, over-stretched non-profit agencies are routinely subjected to complex reporting and grant application processes, often to multiple funders. Recognizing the issue, the Wellesley Institute and Lynn Eakin have completed a study titled: We Can’t Do Business This Way: A Study of the Administrative Burden Resulting from Funder Accountability and Compliance Practices.

The study has found that extensive reporting and application requirements place a severe strain on providers’ administrative capacities; take resources and time away from service delivery and innovation; and that these processes could be streamlined to meet the needs of both service providers and funders.

Lynn Eakin has been instrumental in helping the non-profit sector and their funders to better understand the problems of finance and regulation. In October 2006, Lynn wrote Advancing the Non-Profit Sector in Ontario with the financial support of the Metcalf Foundation. The report recommended that the sector itself must organize into an advocacy coalition in order to articulate the value of the non-profit sector and to address the regulatory and financial issues that threaten the sustainability of the sector with funders.

The Wellesley Institute is a research and policy institute focused on developing solutions to health inequalities in urban areas. This report is part of the Wellesley Institute’s continuing initiative to build capacity in the non-profit sector.

Launch Details:

We Can’t Afford to do Business This Way Launch
September 27th, 9:30am-12:00pm
Thomas Lounge, Oakham House
Ryerson Campus, 63 Gould St.

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