

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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