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## PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOP: TREATMENT FOSTER CARE

### "Caring for the Caregiver"

Saturday, June 3, 1:00 pm until Sunday, June 4, 5:00 pm

**T**reatment Foster Care is a rapidly growing model of residential care in North America. Treatment Foster Care provides children, youth and families, who have significant and complex needs, with a family-based, coordinated and integrated system of care. The essence of this care is planned treatment focused primarily within the day to day living situations and environment of the child. Foster parents are the primary therapists supported by the school, community and other services. The treatment process is guided and supported by a clinical team.

This two-day conference will offer a variety of workshop topics that will be delivered by people who are working within the TFC model. These workshops will offer diversity of topics focusing on skill development, information sharing, clinical thinking and program development for people in all areas of the delivery of services to TFC.

The highlights include keynote speakers described below and a dinner honouring and reflecting on the accomplishments of our Treatment Foster Parents. Case vignettes of children and their families who have experienced successful graduation from the TFC program will be presented across the many TFC programs in the province. There will be adults who have grown up in TFC, children who have moved into adoption placements and other children and families who will talk about their transitions from TFC through graduation.

#### *Keynote Speakers*

Our keynote speaker to start the conference will be Ed Hagedorn, a practicing art therapist doing assessment and treatment of children. Through his work, he is seen as the voice of the child and a committed advocate for children in care and the foster parents that care for them. Ed is a graduate with a Masters in Arts Degree in Expressive Art Therapies with a specialization in art therapy from Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Both through his speaking and visual presentation, Ed is able to teach, motivate and inspire. Ed has continued to work closely with the

Treatment Foster Care Program in Cobourg for the past 15 years and is highly recognized for his work in the assessment and treatment of trauma, attachment and neglect issues.

Closing our conference on Sunday afternoon will be Dr Jim Wilkes. Dr Wilkes is a gifted speaker who advocates strongly for the needs of children in care and the foster parents who care for them. Dr Wilkes is a child psychiatrist with a theological background who recently retired from the Shoniker Clinic at the Centenary Health Centre in Scarborough. He is a consultant to several community agencies including Toronto Roman Catholic Children's Aid Society and the Treatment Foster Care Program in Cobourg. He is the chairperson of the Limbo Task Force of the Sparrow Lake Alliance. He lectures widely and has written books and published articles on the subjects of mental health and religion.

#### **Some of the breakout sessions offered include:**

- TFC collaborative program: working together, how do we do it? Children's Aid and Children's Mental Health
- Developing a partnership with the school; creating an environment for children to participate successfully in mainstream school
- Developing a First Nations TFC Program - experience of Manitoulin Island with 7 First Nations
- Sibling access issues
- The development of Parent Therapists
- Katlin House: short-term treatment and transition home
- Clinical Services Support Program Centre for Excellence
- Treating the aftermath of sexual abuse
- Cultural diversity in delivering treatment within TFC

*Please note that the preconference registration fee is in addition to the conference registration fee. For registration fees and more information on the preconference workshop, please see the enclosed flyer.*

# Working Together for Ontario's Children and Families

## PLENARY SPEAKERS Monday, June 5th

### Conference Opening



**Mary Anne Chambers, Minister of Children and Youth Services 8:30 am - 9:00 am**

Mrs. Chambers was elected to Provincial Parliament in October 2003 and served as Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities before being appointed Minister of Children and Youth Services in June 2005. Prior to service in public office, Mrs. Chambers held the position of senior vice-president at Scotiabank, retiring in 2002, after a 26-year career there. Her strong commitment to both fiscal and social responsibility has been evident in her various achievements, and she has received numerous awards for her community service.



**Opening Plenary Speaker:  
Senator Michael Kirby 9:00 am - 10:30 am**

### Healthy Minds - Time for Action

Senator Kirby was appointed to the Senate in 1984. He is currently active in business, providing strategic advice to corporations on whose board of directors he serves. His particular areas of expertise include human relations issues, audit committee work, strategic planning, marketing, public affairs, communications and corporate governance. Senator Kirby is also a regular media commentator on public policy issues, and a featured speaker at many national conferences.



**Dr. Christopher Lalonde 10:30 am - 12:00 pm**

### The Elders Are Right: Aboriginal Culture Protects Aboriginal Children

Chris Lalonde is an Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Victoria. His research focuses on identity development, cultural influences on development, suicide, First Nations youth, and cognitive development. His experience includes a long list of publications and presentations spanning nearly 20 years.



**Alvin Law 1:45 pm - 2:30 pm**

Alvin Law was born without arms in 1960 and was never expected to become independent. But, because of his positive attitude, he has many achievements. As a child, Alvin learned to use his feet as hands. He was an award-winning musician in high school and the second youngest person ever to receive the Georges Vanier Award for Outstanding Young Canadian. Today, Alvin is a husband and father, as well as president of AJL

Communications Limited. He is a highly regarded keynote and motivational speaker. Alvin's story shows it takes more than physical ability to be successful.

## PLENARY SPEAKERS Tuesday, June 6th

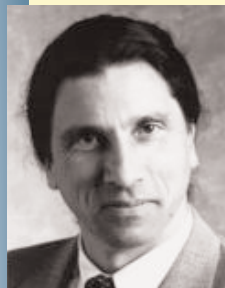


**Dr. Matthew Sanders 8:45 am - 10:15 am**

### **Innovation in Evidence-Based Parenting Interventions**

Dr. Sanders is a Professor of Clinical Psychology and Director of the Parenting and Family Support Centre at The University of Queensland. He conducts research and has published extensively in the area of parenting, family psychology and the prevention of behavioural and emotional problems in children. He is the founder of the internationally recognized Triple P-Positive Parenting Program, which has won a National Violence Prevention Award from the Commonwealth Heads of Government in Australia.

## Wednesday, June 7th



**Dr. Robert Butcher 8:30 am - 9:30 am**

Robert Butcher has a Ph.D. in Philosophy with a concentration in ethics and has taught courses in philosophy and ethics at the University of Western Ontario for over 15 years. Since 1992, Robert has provided ethics consulting services to the health, sport, government and business sectors through Foundations: Consultants on Ethics and Values. He currently provides services to some 20 hospitals and health-care facilities and acts as ethicist to the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sports. Roberts is a frequent speaker at workshops and conferences and is well known for engaging and challenging his audiences in reflection and debate.



**Closing Plenary Speaker: Justin Trudeau 11:30 am - 12:30 pm**

The education and empowerment of youth are priorities that have dominated Justin Trudeau's professional and personal life. He has a B.A. in English Literature, a B.Ed., and currently, he is pursuing a Master's Degree in Environmental Geography. Justin devoted himself to teaching children of all ages, in public and private schools. He has always loved the outdoors, working as a camp counsellor in Algonquin Park, a whitewater river guide and a snowboard instructor. He is the chair of Katimavik, our national youth service program, where he works to increase the engagement of Canada's youth with their country, their communities and their environment.

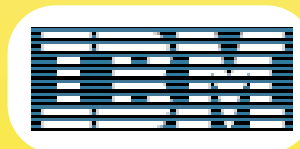
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## POSTER PRESENTATIONS

**Posters will be on display on Monday, June 5th 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM and Tuesday, June 6th 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM**

### **Building Resilience Through "Making Play Possible"**

*Amanda Bender, Child and Youth Wellness Centre of Leeds and Grenville*

### **Using Data to Promote Resilience for Children and Youth in Care: Ontario's Effort to Review and Analyze Agency and Provincial Data**

*Sylvie Demers, Judith Gour, Prescott-Russell Services to Children and Adults*

### **Chimo Youth and Family Services Lego Group Workshop - Have Fun Combing Play and Narrative**

*Andrew Swift, Joanne Cochrane, Fran Reid, Chimo Youth & Family Services*

### **Attracting Talent - Making Social Services an Employer of Choice**

*Terry Daly, Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto*

### **The Autism Spectrum Disorder School Support Program: A Unique Interagency Approach in Service Support Provision to Educators of Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders**

*Kimberly Maich, Karen Stoner, Hamilton Health Sciences*

### **Developing a Collaborative Child Welfare Model for Ontario**

*Andrew Koster, Brant Children's Aid Society; Gary C. Dumbrell, McMaster University; Phyllis Lovell, Children's Aid Society of Owen Sound & the County of Grey; Michael Mulrone, The Children's Aid Society of Ottawa; Darlene Niemi, The Children's Aid Society of the District of Thunder Bay; David Rivard, CAS of the Districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin*

### **For Goodness Sake: An Applied Method in Behaviour Intervention**

*Wanda St-Francois, Lois Saunders, Affiliated Services for Children and Youth*

### **Children and Youth Services Information System**

*Nosa Ero-Brown, Serge Rodin, Mothercraft Institute for Early Development*

### **Exploring the Links Between Maltreatment and Juvenile Firesetting**

*Carol Root, Dr. Sherri MacKay, Dr. Joanna Henderson, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health*

### **Knowledge Translation and Implementation of Evidence-Based Practices in Children's Mental Health**

*Melanie Barwick, Katherine Boydell, Elaine Stasiulis, H. Bruce Ferguson, The Hospital for Sick Children; Karen Blase, Dean Fixsen, Louis de la Parte, Florida Mental Health Institute*

### **Ontario Children's Health Network/Children's Mental Health Ontario Paediatric Telepsychiatry Initiative**

*Beverly Guttman, Ontario Children's Health Network; Jeffrey Hawkins, Algonquin Child and Family Services; Simon Davidson, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario*

### **Nurturing Young Minds: Linking Brain Research to Anti-Bias/Diversity Concepts**

*Valerie Rhomberg, Mothercraft Institute for Early Development*

### **Is the Grass Greener?: Differential Burnout and Job Satisfaction Among Front-line Child Protection Workers**

*Bruce Bidgood, University of Northern British Columbia; Rachele Rail, Windsor-Essex Children's Aid Society; Kevin M. Gorey, University of Windsor*

### **Peeking Through the Closet Door: Gay and Lesbian Youth in Care**

*D. Mark Ragg, Dennis Patrick, Eastern Michigan University*

### **An Evaluation of a "Foster/Adopt" Program**

*Kaye Rempel, Kelly Witteveen, Family and Children's Services of the Waterloo Region*

### **What Do They Say About Our Service? Implementing a Client Feedback Process**

*Kaye Rempel, Roxanne Warford, Joy Lang, Family and Children's Services of the Waterloo Region*

### **The Role of Competence in Mental Health Outcomes for Children and Youth: Competencies for Evidence Based Practice**

*Carol Stuart, School of Child and Youth Care, Ryerson University; Bill Carty, Bartimaeus Inc.*

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**POSTER PRESENTATIONS Cont'd****The Evolution of Therapeutic Access at Grey CAS**

*Dave Logan, Sarah Freeborn, Children's Aid Society of Owen Sound & the County of Grey*

**Mental Health Double-Whammy: Long-Term Outcomes of Co-Morbid Psychiatric Illnesses and Substance Disorders in Adolescents**

*Ron Vida, Joseph Beitchman, Hedy Jiang, Edward Adlaf, Leslie Atkinson, E.B. Brownlie, Amina Jabbar, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health*

**Quilt of Honour Campaign**

*Susan Hess, Parents for Children's Mental Health*

**Telepsychiatry: Connecting Communities with Services**

*Antonio Pignatiello, Elizabeth Manson, Hospital for Sick Children - Telepsychiatry Program*

**The Caring Dads Intervention Program for Fathers Who have Abused or Neglected Their Children or Exposed Them to Abuse of Their Mothers**

*Katreena Scott, OISE/University of Toronto; Michele Paddon, Caring Dads Program*

**The Parent Youth Police Project: An Innovative Response to Growing Concerns**

*Siobhan McCarthy, Kelly Johnston, Turning Point Youth Services*

**The Effect of Maltreatment Co-occurrence on Emotional Harm Among Sexually Abused Children**

*Richard De Marco, Lil Tonmyr, Public Health Agency of Canada; Nico Trocmé, McGill University; Barbara Fallon, University of Toronto*

**Treatment Respite at Kinark (T.R.A.K.)**

*Alla Hirsch, Kinark Child and Family Services - Simcoe Program*

**The Prevalence of Neuropsychiatric Disorders in Children and Adolescents in the Youthdale Treatment Centres Inpatient Program: A Pilot Study**

*Robyn Stephens, Paul Sandor, Youthdale Treatment Centres*

**Survey of the Criteria Used by Family Physicians and Pediatricians in the Toronto Metropolitan Municipality, Southwestern Ontario and Northwestern Ontario for Deciding When to Refer to a Child/Adolescent Psychiatrist or Children's Mental Health Agency**

*Brenda Davidson, Dr. Margaret Steele, Joel Shapiro, London Health Science Centre, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry University of Western Ontario; Gordon Floyd, Joanne Johnston, Children's Mental Health Ontario; Dr. Neal Stretch, University of Ottawa, Dr. Afzal Mohammed, Children's Hospital of Western Ontario*

**Letting Go, Moving Forward: A Power with Approach to Working with At-Risk Youth**

*Brenda Allard, Youth Services Bureau of Ottawa*

**"Out of the Closet and Into Shelter": Queer Accessibility in Residential Settings**

*Karina Skov, Sue Pihlainen, Young Women's Emergency Shelter; Jordan Kent, Youth-Community Member*

**The Autism Transitional Classroom: Translating Treatment into Special Education**

*Timothy Baker, Sandi Booth, Chatham-Kent Children's Services; Renee Zarebski, St. Clair Catholic District School Board*

**Physically Abusive Fathers: Characteristics and Implications for Intervention**

*Karen Francis, St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton*

**One Agency's Response to the OPI Challenge**

*Ann Lumsden, Lori Eldon, Lori Kempe, Chatham-Kent Children's Services (CKCS)*

**PIC II, Profile and Outcome Data on 1,229 Children in Foster and Group Care**

*Richard Solomon, Ontario Association of Residences Treating Youth*

# PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Concurrent Youth Conference: Monday June 5 to Wednesday June 7

*Generously sponsored by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services*

(see separate program)

## Monday, June 5

- 7:00 am-5:00 pm    **Registration**
- 8:00 am-8:30 am    **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 am-9:00 am    **OPENING:**  
 Message from the Honourable **Mary Anne Chambers**, Minister of Children and Youth Services
- 9:00 am-10:30 am    **OPENING PLENARY PRESENTATION FOLLOWED BY A PANEL PRESENTATION:**  
**Senator Michael Kirby**, *Healthy Minds - Time for Action*
- Panel Members:  
 Susan Hess, Parents for Children's Mental Health  
 Dr. Simon Davidson, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario
- 10:30 am-12:00 pm    **PLENARY PRESENTATION:**  
**Dr. Christopher Lalonde**, *The Elders Are Right: Aboriginal Culture Protects Aboriginal Children*
- 12:00 pm-5:00 pm    **Trade Show**
- 12:15 pm-1:45 pm    **Delegate Luncheon**
- 1:45 pm-2:30 pm    **PLENARY PRESENTATION:**  
**Alvin Law**

## CONCURRENT AFTERNOON SESSIONS

- 2:45 pm-3:15 pm    **MP1: Results From a 2-Year Evaluation of a Child Welfare Kinship Care Program at a Large, Multi-Cultural Urban Agency**
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- 2:45 pm-3:45 pm    **MP2: Improving Service Decisions for Children and Youth at Risk of Placement**
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- MP3: Select Comparisons from Three Cycles of the Ontario Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect: Understanding Increases in Ontario Reports to Child Welfare Services**
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- MP4: Building A Culture of Accountability**
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- MP5: Shared Outcome Responsibility: The Community's Role in the Treatment of Adolescent Sexual Abusers**
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- MP6: Mediation in Child Protection Matters**
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- MP7: Girlhood Aggression: Knowledge and Intervention**
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- 2:45 pm-5:00 pm    **MP8: Partnering for Protection: Family Group Conferencing**

2:45 pm-5:00 pm	<b>MP55: CMHO Community of Practice on Violence Prevention</b>
3:15 pm-3:45 pm	<b>MP9: Grand Stand: Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren - A Collaborative Approach</b>
4:00 pm-5:00 pm	<b>MP10: Impact of Stressors on Front-Line Child Welfare Supervisors</b> <b>MP11: Les avantages et les inconvénients du maintien du lien avec la famille biologique lors d'un placement à long terme sans possibilité de retour</b> <b>MP12: Implementing Differential Response: The Safer Families Project of Peel</b> <b>MP13: Providing Service to Clients in Children's Mental Health: Challenging Traditional Thinking</b> <b>MP14: Integrating Services for Children and Youth: Ensuring Success for All</b> <b>MP15: Removing Barriers to Permanent Placements for Crown Wards</b> <b>MP16: The Canadian Child Welfare System Response to Exposure to Domestic Violence Investigations</b>
3:45 pm-4:15 pm	Registration for OACAS Annual General Meeting
4:15 pm-5:30 pm	OACAS Annual General Meeting
5:00 pm	Youth Award Recipient Reception
6:30 pm-9:30 pm	<b>OACAS ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER</b>

## Tuesday, June 6

7:00 am-3:00 pm	Registration
7:30 am-8:30 am	Delegate Breakfast
8:30 am-8:45 am	Welcome Back
8:45 am-10:15 am	<b>PLENARY PRESENTATION:</b> <b>Dr. Matthew Sanders, Innovation in Evidence-Based Parenting Interventions</b>
9:00 am-1:00 pm	Trade Show

## CONCURRENT MORNING SESSIONS

10:30 am-11:00 am	<b>TA1: Slaying the Silos: Integration at Work for Clients</b> <b>TA2: I'm Listening, but WHAT Are You Saying?</b>
10:30 am-11:30 am	<b>TA3: Relationship Skills for Violence Prevention</b> <b>TA4: Involving Children - LAC-Based Participation as a Cornerstone to Strengthening the Wellbeing of Children and Youth in Care</b> <b>TA5: Access: Use and Abuse</b> <b>TA6: L'intervention intégrée auprès d'une clientèle "difficile à servir/hard to serve"</b>

*10:30 am-11:30 am concurrent sessions continued***TA7: Introduction to Outcome Measurement: Providing Better Service to Children****TA8: Adult and Child Mental Health Issues in Child Protection****TA9: Female Responsive Youth Justice Interventions****TA10: When Working Hurts: A Training and Organizational Development Model for Mitigating Stress, Burnout and Trauma****TA11: Reducing Risk Factors for Behavioural and Emotional Problems in Adolescents with Teen Triple P - Engagement and Implementation****TA12: Children Who Self-Harm: What We Know, What We Don't Know and What We Need to Know****10:30 am-11:45 am TA13: Taking Charge of Our Future****11:00 am-11:30 am TA14: A One Stop Shopping Approach in Human Services: The Prescott-Russell Experience****TA15: Deconstructing Orphan Annie: An Examination of Child Characteristics Predictive of Adoptability of Children in Care****11:45 am-12:45 pm Delegate Luncheon****12:45 pm-1:30 pm Youth Panel Plenary Presentation to all conference attendees****CONCURRENT AFTERNOON SESSIONS****1:45 pm-2:15 pm TP1: Joint Accreditation - From Inception to Success!****1:45 pm-2:45 pm TP2: Women Charged with Assault Against Their Male Partners: Trends, Issues and Consequences for Women and Their Children****TP3: The Triple P - Positive Parenting Program: An Introduction to Canada****TP4: Community Coalitions Can Cook****TP5: What's in it for Me? A Preliminary Investigation of the Association Between Implementation of Looking After Children and Significant Relationships in the Foster Child's Life****TP6: CAFAS in Child Welfare****TP7: PTSD Mediates Risky Behaviour in Maltreated Youth: An Academic/Service Agency Research Collaboration****TP8: Abuse Focused: Cognitive Behaviour Therapy - A Team Approach****TP9: Kids Say the Darndest Things****TP10: Specialized Therapeutic Group Intervention Using the Principles of Theraplay for Children in Treatment Settings****1:45 pm-4:00 pm TP11: An Anti-Oppressive/Anti-Racist Roundtable Discussion: Working Together to Improve Service****1:45 pm-5:00 pm TP12: Risky Business****2:15 pm-2:45 pm TP13: Motivational Approaches Within the Stages of Change for Substance-Involved Mothers and Their Young Children****3:00 pm-3:30 pm TP14: Outreach and Support Services Project to LGBTQ Children and Youth**

- 3:00 pm-4:00 pm **TP15: Update 2006: A Paediatric Death Review Committee**  
**TP16: From Paper to Practice: Implementing a Best Practices Model in Northern Ontario**  
**TP17: Youth Gangs and Technology**  
**TP18: A Collaborative and Coordinated Service Delivery Model Between Children's Mental Health and Child Protection Services for High-Risk and Chronically Abusive Families**  
**TP19: The Friendship Class: An Anti-Bullying Mental Health-Education Partnership**  
**TP20: Differential Response - Community Partnerships**  
**TP21: Bringing Children's Mental Health Home: What Do Parents Want to Know and How Can We Help Them Learn?**
- 3:30 pm-4:30 pm **TP22: Strengthening Families: A Collaborative Approach to Working with New Zealand Families**

8:00 pm-10:00 pm **TUESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS: THEATRE AND DANCE PRESENTED BY YOUTH IN CARE**

## Wednesday, June 7

- 7:00 am-3:00 pm **Registration**
- 7:00 am-8:30 am **Delegate Breakfast**
- 8:30 am-9:30 am **PLENARY PRESENTATION:**  
**Dr. Robert Butcher, *Caring for the Most Vulnerable: Ethical Issues in Children's Mental Health***

## CONCURRENT MORNING SESSIONS

- 9:45 am-10:15 am **WA1: Child Custody and Access Disputes: Working Together in the Interests of Children and Families**  
**WA2: Changing Together - Family Group Work with Sexualized Children**  
**WA3: FASD Ontario: "What's Up?"**
- 9:45 am-10:45 am **WA4: Adapting the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Model for Child Welfare Peer Support Teams**  
**WA5: Family Bridges - Bridging the Gap**  
**WA6: Te-Pen-Chi-Kay-Win Wee-Chee-Way-Win "Strengthening and Empowering the Family"**  
**WA7: AdoptOntario: Working Together for Ontario's Waiting Children**  
**WA8: Community Partners With Schools (COMPASS)**  
**WA9: Bullying, Harassment and Racism in Canadian Schools: Prevalence and Program Effectiveness**  
**WA10: When Children's Mental Health and Child Welfare Cross Paths - A Collaborative Approach to Supporting Our Community's Kids**  
**WA11: Change from the Inside OUT: Organizational Change Toward Inclusive Services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual, Transgendered and Gender Non-Conforming Children and Youth**  
**WA12: Parents as Partners: The Next Generation**

9:45 am-10:45 am concurrent sessions continued

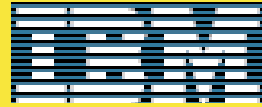
**WA13: Building Quality Assurance Capacity in Ontario Child Welfare Agencies**

10:15 am-10:45 am **WA14: A Story in Process**

**WA15: The Impact of Early Childhood Abuse and Neglect on Intelligence and Achievement**

11:00 am-11:30 am Youth present their recommendations for change to all conference attendees

11:30 am-12:30 pm **CLOSING PLENARY SPEAKER:**  
**Justin Trudeau**



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12:30 pm-12:40 pm Closing Ceremony



# SESSION SUMMARIES

## Monday, June 5

8:30 am-9:00 am

### CONFERENCE OPENING

**Message from the Honourable Mary Anne Chambers, Minister of Children and Youth Services**

9:00 am-10:30 am

**OPENING PLENARY PRESENTATION FOLLOWED BY A PANEL PRESENTATION: Senator Michael Kirby, *Healthy Minds - Time for Action***

**Panel Members: Susan Hess, Parents for Children's Mental Health; Simon Davidson, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario**

*"If mental health services generally are the orphan of the health care system, then children's services are the orphan of the orphan."*

**Senator Michael Kirby**

Mental health issues have reached crisis proportion across the population, and in particular, among children and youth. Although the issue has been recognized by all health professionals to be a priority, "what do we do?" remains the daunting challenge. The current system has too many silos, is not sufficiently collaborative, and is not focused enough on the needs of the children and their families. Canada lags behind many other western countries that are making mental health a national health priority, and Canada is the only G8 country without a national strategy on mental health.

10:30 am-12:00 pm

**PLENARY PRESENTATION: Dr. Christopher Lalonde, Department of Psychology, University of Victoria *The Elders Are Right: Aboriginal Culture Protects Aboriginal Children***

Youth suicide is said to be epidemic within the First Nations population. In Canada, suicide rates are 5-20 times higher for indigenous youth. Hiding behind these headline-grabbing facts, however, are data to show that suicide is actually rare or absent in most First Nations communities. This presentation will outline our efforts to understand how some communities have managed to solve the problem of suicide.

1:45 pm-2:30 pm

**PLENARY PRESENTATION: Alvin Law**

Alvin Law was born without arms in 1960 and was never expected to become independent. But, because of his positive attitude, he has made many achievements. As a child, Alvin learned to use his feet as hands. He was an award-winning musician in high school and the second youngest person ever to receive the Georges Vanier Award for outstanding Young Canadian. Today, Alvin is a husband and father, as well as president of AJL Communications Limited. He is a highly regarded keynote and motivational speaker. Alvin's story shows it takes more than physical ability to be successful.

### CONCURRENT AFTERNOON SESSIONS

2:45 pm-3:15 pm

**MP1: Results From a 2-Year Evaluation of a Child Welfare Kinship Care Program at a Large, Multi-Cultural Urban Agency**

*Kathy Murphy, Aysha Malik, Kinship Care Program, Children's Aid Society of Toronto*

The presentation of a two-year evaluation of a kinship care program results include kin provider interview data, child interview data and worker self-administered instrument data, as well as administrative data on 76 kin children and 53 kin providers. Implications for practice and recommendations for the field in moving evidence-based kinship care practice forward in child welfare will be suggested.

2:45 pm-3:45 pm

**MP2: Improving Service Decisions for Children and Youth at Risk of Placement**

*Bruce Leslie, Toronto CCAS; Deborah Goodman, Children's Aid Society of Toronto; Della Knoke, University of Toronto*

Child Welfare and Children's Mental Health Services frequently work together with children in care. This presentation will highlight the results of a recent study of 3,675 children that identified differences in the case characteristics and risk factors associated with admission to care for younger children and adolescents.

**MP3: Select Comparisons from Three Cycles of the Ontario Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect: Understanding Increases in Ontario Reports to Child Welfare Services**

*Barbara Fallon, Tara Black, Nico Trocmé, Centre for Research on Children and Families, McGill University; Della Knoke, University of Toronto*

The OIS-2003 is the third province-wide study to examine the incidence of reported child maltreatment and characteristics of the children and families investigated by Ontario child welfare services. The rate of substantiated maltreatment has increased 320%, from 5.47 substantiated cases per thousand children in 1993 to 24.44 in 2003.

**MP4: Building a Culture of Accountability**

*Linda Mollenhauer, Mollenhauer & Associates; Ruth Armstrong, Vision Management Services*

Learn about a newly released research-based tool developed by Children's Mental Health Ontario to help Board and staff leaders to better understand, measure, celebrate and improve accountability. Participants at this interactive session will learn about what makes an organization highly accountable and share best practices with colleagues.

**MP5: Shared Outcome Responsibility: The Community's Role in the Treatment of Adolescent Sexual Abusers**

*Bill Helmeczi, Niagara Child and Youth Services*

Treatment of adolescent sexual offenders requires a collaborative community response that we refer to as shared outcome responsibility. Participants will hear how our Sexual Treatment Program (STOP) developed its practices of community involvement through the examination of its safety protocols, the development of a screening and treatment planning tool (CAUTION), and a demonstration of specific CD ROM exercises.

**MP6: Mediation in Child Protection Matters**

*Maggie Hall, Pieter van der Meulen, The Mediation Centre of Hamilton*

Although mediation as a method of dispute resolution has been around for decades, its use in child

protection matters is still in its infancy in Ontario despite isolated and underused programs. This workshop will focus on the practical aspects of using mediation effectively in child protection matters.

**MP7: Girlhood Aggression: Knowledge and Intervention**

*Kathryn Levene, Margaret Walsh, Erin Rajca, Child Development Institute*

A brief overview of a family-focused, gender-based intervention for girls under the age of 12 who are exhibiting serious behaviour problems, will be followed by an interactive discussion of effective risk identification and key risk factors, as well as a review of promising findings emerging from a recent programme evaluation.

**2:45 pm-5:00 pm**

**MP8: Partnering for Protection: Family Group Conferencing**

*Daniel Bogue, The George Hull Centre for Children & Families; Ruth Tansony, Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto; Inshirah Hassabu, Toronto Family Group Conferencing Project; A family who has been conferenced*

The Toronto Family Group Conferencing Project, a child welfare/children's mental health collaborative, offers an alternative approach for children in need of protection. The inclusion of the extended family in the decision-making process gives the family the opportunity to facilitate family care for the at-risk child and support for the nuclear family when it falters.

**MP55: CMHO Community of Practice on Violence Prevention**

*Yvonne Bohr, Aisling Discoveries Child and Family Centre; Doug Brown, Peel Children's Centre; Mark Totten, Youth Services Bureau of Ottawa; Fred Schmidt, Children's Centre Thunder Bay*

This participatory presentation will provide a brief overview of current thinking on evidence-based practices (EBP), mechanisms needed for incorporating EBP in community settings, and common elements found within treatments. Specific violence prevention interventions will be presented. Participants are encouraged to describe their own violence prevention programs.

**3:15 pm-3:45 pm**

**MP9: Grand Stand: Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren - A Collaborative Approach**

*Valerie Millson, Cathy Graham, Huron-Perth Centre for Children and Youth; John Davies, Huron-Perth Children's Aid Society*

Pervasive western cultural beliefs that grandparents are not supposed to interfere in the lives of their adult children and grandchildren are often in direct conflict with Child welfare practices that tend to encourage kinship care as the least restrictive, best interest intervention for children. This presentation will explore the complex milieu of relationships that grandparents, parents and children must negotiate when grandparents raise grandchildren and the value of collaboration between Children's mental health and Child welfare agencies to offer treatment and support to these caregivers in a group format.

**4:00 pm-5:00 pm**

**MP10: Impact of Stressors on Front-Line Child Welfare Supervisors**

*Katharine Dill, Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto*

There are many stressors faced on a day-to-day basis by child welfare professionals and yet despite this, minimal research has explored the realities of these same stressors on the front-line child welfare supervisor. This presentation focuses on supervisors through an analysis of theory, literature and case analyses.

**MP11: Les avantages et les inconvénients du maintien du lien avec la famille biologique lors d'un placement à long terme sans possibilité de retour**

*Louise Carignan, Association canadienne des écoles de service social & Centre Jeunesse de l'Outaouais*

Cette présentation veut faire ressortir les avantages et les inconvénients pour l'enfant placé à long terme de maintenir des liens avec sa famille biologique. Cette recherche vient nous donner le point de vue des jeunes sur ce sujet, l'analyse des résultats est basée sur les théories de l'attachement et sur les théories du développement. Pour certains enfants, les parents d'accueil sont devenus très significatifs au fil du temps et les parents biologiques occupent une place très

secondaire. Au cours de cette recherche, nous avons cherché à savoir si les enfants qui n'avaient pas maintenu de liens étaient mieux ajustés que ceux qui avaient maintenu un lien.

**MP12: Implementing Differential Response: The Safer Families Project of Peel**

*Anna Toth, Safer Families Project, Family Services of Peel; Mary Juric, Peel Children's Aid Society*

This interactive workshop will present the results of an innovative response to woman abuse and child protection using inter-agency teams. Participants will hear about the project's process of development, its successes and challenges, and outcomes for families and staff. There will be ample time for questions and discussion.

**MP13: Providing Service to Clients in Children's Mental Health: Challenging Traditional Thinking**

*Janet McKernan, Genevieve Martins, Peel Children's Centre*

A service delivery model based on a collaborative process in which clients report feeling heard with needs responded to in a timely way. The model highlights client competencies including their right to take charge of the process and to select preferred clinical recommendations. The result? reduced wait lists for on-going service.

**MP14: Integrating Services for Children and Youth: Ensuring Success for All**

*Michelle Forge, Leslie Hastie, Bluewater District School Board; Dennis Boyle, Ann Schneider, Bruce Grey Children's Services; Bevan McNeil, Consultant; Bruce MacPherson, Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board*

The presenters will provide an overview of a community-based program (WRAP) that provides intensive social/emotional support to young children and their families. A team comprised of a teacher, social worker and child and youth worker provides support to children and youth with severe social/emotional/behavioural challenges and their families. The program is a partnership among two school boards, a children's mental health agency and two municipalities. As a result of this intensive intervention, children demonstrate improved academic

## Tuesday, June 6

8:45 am-10:15 am

**PLENARY PRESENTATION: Dr. Matthew Sanders, Professor of Clinical Psychology, Director, Parenting and Family Support Centre, The University of Queensland**

***Innovation in Evidence-Based Parenting Interventions***

This presentation will make the case for a multi-level population approach to the promotion of parenting competence in the prevention of behavioural and emotional problems in children. The Triple P-Positive Parenting Program is a tiered multi-level approach incorporating media, primary care, school mental health and workplace intervention to promote competent parenting and reduce coercive parenting and family conflict. The program aims to promote parental self regulation and enables parents to become more self sufficient, improves self efficacy, self management skills and problem solving skills. The "Every Family" initiative is a large-scale population level trial evaluating Triple P and involving 45,000 families who are assigned to low, medium, or high intensity parenting interventions. Findings from the trial will be discussed. Implications of the findings for service providers, policy makers, and researchers interested in population level strategies will be discussed.

### CONCURRENT MORNING SESSIONS

10:30 am-11:00 am

**TA1: Slaying the Silos: Integration at Work for Clients**

*Raymond Lemay, Kelly Raymond, Rachel Daigneault, Prescott-Russell Services to Children and Adults*

Prescott-Russell Services to Children and Adults has developed a common intake, emergency service response capacity, residential program and long term community support services for its various client groups. Come hear about this successful integration.

**TA2: I'm Listening, but WHAT Are You Saying?**

*Susan Tanner, Vanier Children's Services*

For those who work in a children's treatment and mental health care setting, the terminology and acronyms used are like learning a second language.

achievement and social/emotional well being. The presenters will focus on the benefits of integrating programs and services for children and youth and provide suggestions for developing integrated services in other communities

### **MP15: Removing Barriers to Permanent Placements for Crown Wards**

*Dr. Gail Aitken, Limbo Task Force of the Sparrow Lake Alliance, Professor Emeritus, School of Social Work, Ryerson University*

Exciting prospects have developed for improving the lives of Ontario's Crown wards. Improvements are essential; while the quest for international adoptions mounts, the number of Crown wards in the provinces climbs, but the rate of adoption of permanent wards is low. For decades those in the child welfare sector have recognized that it is crucial to the healthy development and wellbeing of children to have continuity of care and contact, stability and affection. Two significant measures to promote permanency have been proposed by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services and went forward in Bill 210 to the Ontario legislature. One is to promote openness in adoption in order that Access Orders do not, as at present, prevent adoption. The second is to develop a form of designated guardianship to appoint appropriate family members or long-term foster parents as permanent guardians. This presentation will examine these proposed legislative changes, their importance and the implications of their implementation.

### **MP16: The Canadian Child Welfare System Response to Exposure to Domestic Violence Investigations**

*Tara Black, University of Toronto; Nico Trocmé, Barbara Fallon, McGill University; Bruce MacLaurin, University of Calgary*

The Canadian child welfare system response to investigations involving exposure to domestic violence was analyzed using the data from the CIS-2003. The rate of substantiated exposure to domestic violence in Canada has increased 259%, from 1.72 substantiated cases per thousand children in 1998 to 6.17 in 2003.

When using these terms what is the effect on the family? This facilitated discussion will tell the story of one parent's entry and navigation through the mental health system and will discuss how lingo can impede the involvement of parents in the treatment process.

**10:30 am-11:30 am**

**TA3: Relationship Skills for Violence Prevention**

*Pearl Rimer, Toronto Child Abuse Centre*

The Relationship Skills for Violence Prevention (RSVP) Program is a counselling program for girls between the ages of 12 and 17 who have experienced violence in a personal relationship. The program provides support and education through a 12-week group designed to teach skills to prevent violence and foster healthy relationships.

**TA4: Involving Children - LAC-Based Participation as a Cornerstone to Strengthening the Wellbeing of Children and Youth in Care**

*Evelyn Khoo, Department of Social Welfare, Umea University, Sweden*

This presentation will describe how different approaches to using Looking After Children in 3 national and organizational contexts either promote or discourage the participation of children and youth in care. We explore opportunities for participation, reveal social workers' and managers' views, and bring forward the opinions of children and youth.

**TA5: Access: Use and Abuse**

*James Wilkes, Sparrow Lake Alliance*

Thorough and adequate planning of access visits between a child in care and members of the child's family is essential for the child's emotional well being. This workshop sets out the principles and goals of access and offers ways to use access visits to strengthen the relationship between the child and family.

**TA6: L'intervention intégrée auprès d'une clientèle " difficile à servir/hard to serve "**

*Lucie Lalonde, Judith Gour, Services aux enfants et adultes Prescott-Russell*

Les SEAPR sont le résultat en 2001 de la fusion de cinq organismes (protection jeunesse, développement

jeunesse, santé mentale enfant/famille, protection aux adultes et développement adulte). Un point unique d'accès permet de répondre à toutes les demandes en provenance de la communauté. Le rôle du secteur des services spécialisés est de venir appuyer les intervenants des autres secteur (Accueil, Milieux de vie, Options communautaires). Le service est offert de façon intensive.

La présentation de vidéos permettra aux participants de voir l'application des approches préconisées pour venir en aide à des jeunes avec des profils complexes.

**TA7: Introduction to Outcome Measurement: Providing Better Service to Children**

*Bruce Leslie, Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto; Claude Gingras, Frontenac CAS; Deborah Goodman, Toronto CAS; Julie Lee, Sue Smythe, York CAS; Patricia Longlade, MCYS; Rocci Pagnello, Brockville CAS*

This workshop presents a recently developed OACAS Outcome Measurement Handbook and addresses key topic areas in developing, collecting and analyzing outcome data: Potential Benefits, Change Management Strategies to Achieve Effective Outcomes, Client Perspectives, Measuring and Analyzing Clinical Outcomes and System-level Outcome Indicators. This workshop is appropriate for front-line, supervisors and directors.

**TA8: Adult and Child Mental Health Issues in Child Protection**

*Dr. Alan W. Leschied, University of Western Ontario*

Increasingly, child welfare has been charged not only with the care and safety of children victimized through neglect, maltreatment and/or exposure to domestic violence, but also with the increasing demands for mental health services for both children and their caregivers. Recent evidence from children and families seen at one large urban child welfare agency reflects the extent of these needs. Combined with a review of the literature related to child and adult mental health issues regarding the delivery of child protection services, this presentation will highlight the cross-over of child protection and mental health. The necessity of fully appreciating the broader systemic requirement of including both child and adult mental health expertise is emphasized in child welfare.

**TA9: Female Responsive Youth Justice Interventions**

*Mark Totten, Youth Services Bureau of Ottawa*

This interactive workshop will explore the special needs and unique risks presented by young women in the youth justice system. Traditional approaches are gender-biased and have not been effective in addressing the root causes of female offending. Child welfare and mental health pathways into the justice system will be highlighted.

**TA10: When Working Hurts: A Training and Organizational Development Model for Mitigating Stress, Burnout and Trauma**

*Lynda Monk, Fisher & Associates; Lorna Grant, CAS of Owen Sound and County of Grey; Yvette Cadieux, CUPE Local 2864*

Burnout, stress and trauma are occupational hazards which require intervention at the individual, team and organizational level to ensure an overall healthy work environment which is conducive to both job satisfaction and quality practice. This interactive workshop will introduce participants to the complex stress model, whilst profiling core program implementation by the CAS of Owen Sound and the County of Grey.

**TA11: Reducing Risk Factors for Behavioural and Emotional Problems in Adolescents with Teen Triple P - Engagement and Implementation**

*Alan Ralph, The University of Queensland*

The engagement and delivery of effective parenting advice and support to parents of adolescent and pre-adolescent children poses significant difficulties. Teen Triple P is a multi-level system of intervention that is designed to provide parents with specific strategies to manage the behaviour of their teenage children as they make the transition into high school and through puberty. The program is based on a combination of education about the developmental needs of adolescents, skills training to improve communication and problem solving, plus specific modules to deal with common problems encountered of parents of adolescents that can escalate into major conflict and violence.

**TA12: Children Who Self-Harm: What We Know, What We Don't Know, and What We Need to Know**

*Deborah Goodman, Children's Aid Society of Toronto*  
Analysis of data from all youth in care over an 18-

month period (April 2004 to Sept 2005) who had a self-harming event (n=171 youth with 376 self-harm events). Study highlights the differences found by gender, by age of youth, by frequency of event (single vs. repeat), and by self-harming type.

**10:30 am-11:45 am****TA13: Strategic Planning: Taking Charge of Our Future**

*Rick Arseneau, Director of Administration, George Hull Centre*

Rick will discuss how to present budgets to different target audiences, how to incorporate new project money into existing budgets and how project funding impacts the ability of an organization to plan.

*Terry Daly, Director of Human Resources, Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto*

Terry will present on such topics as staff retention and recruitment, succession planning, attracting managers, and competitive benefits.

*David Rivard, Executive, CAS Sudbury; Tom Walters, Executive Director Children's Centre Thunder Bay*

David and Tom will present on the policy framework restructuring taking place in the North (Northern Experience: Future Directions.)

*André Clément*

André, as panel facilitator, will provide participants with an overview of strategic planning including the value of a strategic plan, defining strategic planning, environmental scanning, developing strategic goals and workplans, following up on workplans, and getting the job done.

**11:00 am-11:30 am****TA14: A One Stop Shopping Approach in Human Services: The Prescott-Russell Experience**

*Rachel Daigneault, Jean-Claude Séguin, Prescott-Russell Services to Children and Adults*

In this workshop, the presenters will describe the Services to Children and Adults of Prescott-Russell's integrated intake response model. Elaborating on the design and operations of the model, supported by cumulative outcome results, the presentation will conclude by identifying the challenges encountered in a single point service delivery structure.

**TA15: Deconstructing Orphan Annie: An Examination of Child Characteristics Predictive of Adoptability of Children in Care**

*Linda Goodhue, Windsor Essex Children's Aid Society; Bruce A. Bidgood, University of Northern British Columbia*

This study discussed the significance of child-related variables with positive and negative adoption outcomes in an effort to provide adoption workers with a framework for practice in completing adoption assessments, planning and intervention strategies. This presentation will be of interest to adoption workers who are challenged by legal requests to determine adoption outcomes for children in care.

**CONCURRENT AFTERNOON SESSIONS**

**1:45 pm-2:15 pm**

**TP1: Joint Accreditation - From Inception to Success!**

*Mike Stephens, Chatham-Kent Children's Services; Richard Lambert-Belanger, Child and Family Services of Timmins and District; Catherine Simunovic, Child and Family Services of Timmins and District; Shelley Thibert, Chatham-Kent Children's Services*

This presentation will describe the experience of two agencies as they pilot tested the Joint OACAS and CMHO Accreditation Program. Learn how two young integrated agencies readied their organizations for accreditation by effectively building a solid foundation for the delivery of quality services. Appropriate for managers, QA staff and Board members.

**1:45 pm-2:45 pm**

**TP2: Women Charged with Assault Against Their Male Partners: Trends, Issues and Consequences for Women and Their Children**

*Kelly Walraven, McMaster University/Avalon*

Recent attention has been paid to women's violence against their male partners. This study examines the themes which emerged during interviews with men, women and representatives from various social service agencies. An overview of issues which arise when women are charged with assault against their male partners will be examined.

**TP3: The Triple P - Positive Parenting Program: An Introduction to Canada**

*Majella Murphy-Brennan, Triple P International Pty Ltd*

The introduction of the Triple P - Positive Parenting Program has received extensive support across Canadian Provinces in a variety of government and non-government services. The Triple P system represents a comprehensive multilevel model of parenting and family support with standardized professional training courses developed for all levels of Triple P intervention. An overview of the effective training and dissemination process, designed to skill practitioners and organizations adopting this system of parenting support, is presented in a Canadian context.

**TP4: Community Coalitions Can Cook**

*David Huether, Every Kid in our Communities of Leeds and Grenville*

Hear the cooking instructions for "Every Kid in our Communities of Leeds and Grenville," a coalition, which has grown from 6 agency partners to over 50 active community members within 3 years. The recipe highlights asset building for all children and youth.

**TP5: What's in It for Me? A Preliminary Investigation of the Association Between Implementation of Looking After Children and Significant Relationships in the Foster Child's Life**

*Sarah Pantin, University of Ottawa*

Using data from the ONLAC project, this study examines the association between Looking After Children implementation and the foster child's rating of relationship quality with the foster mother, foster father and child welfare worker and the child/youth's satisfaction with placement. The implications for child welfare practitioners and policy analysts will be discussed.

**TP6: Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale (CAFAS) in Child Welfare**

*Jeff List, Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County; Laurie Dean, FCS of Renfrew County*

Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County has been using CAFAS over the past 8 years to provide outcome measures for children in foster care. The on-

going aggregation of CAFAS data and the individual youth profiles now assists the agency in its matching process for placement. Aggregate data, agency implementation and the use of CAFAS in placement will be presented and discussed.

**TP7: PTSD Mediates Risky Behaviour in Maltreated Youth: An Academic/Service Agency Research Collaboration**

*Chris Wekerle, Randall Waechter, Eman Leung, University of Western Ontario; Bruce Leslie, Toronto Catholic Children's Aid Society*

First, we will examine the process of facilitating academic/service agency research collaboration. Secondly, we will review the information that can be elucidated by such collaboration. Specifically, evidence for a PTSD symptomatology mediation model between child maltreatment and risky adolescent behaviour, such as substance abuse, will be examined.

**TP8: Abuse Focused: Cognitive Behaviour Therapy - A Team Approach**

*Heather Lawrence, Alanna Golden, Aisling Discoveries Child and Family Centre; Joelle Williams, Toronto CAS*

This presentation will provide an overview of the dimensions of a new treatment service used in collaborative work within children's mental health and child welfare services in Toronto. The treatment service known as Abuse Focused: Cognitive Behavioural Treatment is an evidence-based model.

**TP9: Kids Say the Darndest Things**

*Greg McCarney, Pelletier Homes for Youth*

One of the most challenging roles we have as professionals is the one that we give credence and acknowledgement to the voices of children and youth, the demand to listen. As professionals, what is our role in responding to children and youth from a holistic perspective? Is it important for us as professional caregivers to respond to the spiritual needs of children and youth? A video of interviews with a number of youth in care addresses these questions.

**TP10: Specialized Therapeutic Group Intervention Using the Principles of Theraplay for Children in Treatment Settings**

*Patricia Vanderheyden, Niki Reilly, Dr. Barrie Evans, Vanier Children's Services*

The Hand in Hand residential program of Vanier Children's Services has utilized a group intervention for children with multiple mental health diagnoses and attachment difficulties using the Principles of Theraplay. Research was conducted to determine the effectiveness of this type of intervention. Groups were evaluated by pre and post measures of the Revised Children's Manifest Anxiety Scale (RCMAS) and the Social Skills Rating Scale (SSRS). The evaluation demonstrated that some participants showed statistically significant positive results and that improvement was noted in most of the participants.

**1:45 pm-4:00 pm**

**TP11: An Anti-Oppressive/Anti-Racist Roundtable Discussion: Working Together to Improve Service**

*Rosanne Biocchi, Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto; Sharron Richards, Children's Aid Society of Toronto; Sharon Evans, Brigitte Wentlandt, OACAS; Christian Hackbusch, Ottawa CAS; Deb Gollnick, Wellington CAS; Eugene Tremblay, London CAS*

Sharing experiences and learning from each other, participants will be challenged to critically reflect on the impact of oppression and racism on children, youth, families and communities and to identify the personal and organizational change processes that lead to inclusive, equitable and just service.

**1:45 pm-5:00 pm**

**TP12: Risky Business**

*Brian O'Byrne, Legal Counsel, Fasken Martineau LLP*

Brian will present on risk management from a labour lawyer perspective. He will identify priority areas within the field and heighten participants awareness of such pertinent issues as Privacy legislation, changes in mandatory retirement age and its effect on insurance and LTD, and HR documentation.

*Louis To, Director of Finance, Administration and Information Technology, CCAS Toronto*

Louis will discuss records management and finance highlighting the necessary documentation vital to court process including civil suits and public inquiries.

*Barb Szychta, Director, Risk Management Services, Frank Cowan Company*

Barb will provide an overview of risk management and discuss how to limit and reduce professional liability from an insurance company's perspective.

*Barry Marta, Civil Litigation Legal Counsel, Lawson McGrenere LLP*

Barry will discuss processes to reduce legal liability from a lawyer's perspective.

### 2:15 pm-2:45 pm

#### **TP13: Motivational Approaches Within the Stages of Change for Substance-Involved Mothers and Their Young Children**

*Margaret Leslie, Gina DeMarchi, Mothercraft/Breaking the Cycle*

This workshop will illustrate the application of Motivational Interviewing strategies within the Stages of Change model to promote changes in both parenting and substance-use behaviour through an integrated, community-based program serving substance-involved mothers and their young children.

### 3:00 pm-3:30 pm

#### **TP14: Outreach and Support Services Project to LGBTQ Children and Youth**

*John Wilson, K-W Counselling Services Inc.; Karen Spencer, Family and Children's Services of the Waterloo Region*

Participants will be walked through the process of developing a community service response to meet the needs of LGBTQ children and youth. The program model presented includes an early intervention and prevention strategy to address the moderate and severe mental health needs of this group.

Concurrently the model seeks to address societal and community-level factors, which contribute to the difficulties experienced by LGBTQ children and youth, through public education, community outreach and community consultation.

### 3:00 pm-4:00 pm

#### **TP15: Update 2006: Paediatric Death Review Committee**

*Dorothy Zwolakowski, Ontario Coroner's Office; Dr. Jim Cairns, Deputy Chief Coroner; Susan Abell, Zel Fellegi, Sandy Moshenko, Paediatric Death Review Committee*

The Coroner's office of the province of Ontario oversees the multi-disciplinary committee that reviews all child deaths which occur where there is involvement from the child protection system. This session will be led by members of the committee who will describe the issues and trends that have been identified in recent case reviews.

#### **TP16: From Paper to Practice: Implementing a Best Practices Model in Northern Ontario**

*Tara Maszczakiewicz, Denis Beaulieu, Algoma Family Services*

This presentation will highlight Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care™ as a treatment option for violent/aggressive children and youth. This modality is a consideration where less intrusive treatments have failed to produce lasting gains. Presenters from Canada's first MTFC site will introduce model overview, implementation challenges, and use case examples to demonstrate MTFC interventions.

#### **TP17: Youth Gangs and Technology**

*Scott Mills, Toronto Police Services & Ontario Gang Investigators Association*

The presentation will highlight the use and misuse of the Internet by youth gangs. An interdisciplinary approach to youth violence is emphasized. Techniques to help parents and professionals monitor the use of the Internet and other technologies will be included.

#### **TP18: A Collaborative and Coordinated Service Delivery Model Between Children's Mental Health and Child Protection Services for High-Risk and Chronically Abusive Families**

*Fred Schmidt, Children's Centre Thunder Bay & Thunder Bay Children's Aid Society; Lori Roulston, Mary Jane Lewandowski, Donna Strickland, Gail Warnick, Children's Centre Thunder Bay; Marilyn DeCal Sinclair, Norma Lauchie, Thunder Bay Children's Aid Society*

The Family Intervention Team (FIT), an innovative mental health program dedicated to working with only high-risk and chronically abusive families, has developed a comprehensive service delivery model to overcome the poor coordination between the mental health, child protection, and legal systems. This presentation will provide a detailed overview of the service model, lessons learned in working with non-voluntary families, and the liaison with an adjunct program which conducts parenting assessments.

**TP19: The Friendship Class: An Anti-Bullying Mental Health-Education Partnership**

*Ruth Stirtzinger, M.D., F.R.C.P.(C); Julie Fruitman, C.Y.W., The George Hull Centre for Children and Families*

This program is a whole class mental health/education intervention program. The program not only targets children who exhibit aggressive and at-risk behaviour, but also benefits all students and the whole school climate through its universal approach.

**TP20: Differential Response - Community Partnerships**

*Linda Mitchelson, Laura Quibell, Sonya Vellenga, Kawartha Haliburton CAS; Cynthia Hearne, Case Coordination Program; Mary Walling Field, Chimo Child and Youth Services; Art Herold, Community Counselling Peterborough*

The workshop will provide information about two pilot projects developed with Kawartha Haliburton Children's Aid Society and various community partners to deliver a differential response to protection families in the areas of Domestic Violence and Parent Teen Conflict. Staff of the CAS and the involved Community Counselling Programs will provide details of the program, the development of the partnerships and will report on progress to date.

**TP21: Bringing Children's Mental Health Home: What Do Parents Want to Know and How Can We Help Them Learn?**

*Don Buchanan, McMaster Children's Hospital; Dr. Charles Cunningham, McMaster University*

This interactive workshop will present recent research about information needs of parents of children and youth with mental health problems. You will learn

about evidence supporting information as an effective intervention, recent research examining barriers to providing information, and examine new tools that help parents find information about their child's mental health problems.

**3:30 pm-4:30 pm**

**TP22: Strengthening Families: A Collaborative Approach to Working with New Zealand Families**

*Alison Goffin, Family and Community Services, Ministry of Social Development, New Zealand*

Strengthening Families is a cross-sectoral, whole-of-government initiative aimed at improving the social, emotional and physical wellbeing of children and young people within families that could benefit from the service. Agencies work together with the family to develop joint solutions to issues, rather than each agency dealing with one part of the problem.



## Wednesday, June 7

8:30 am-9:30 am

**PLENARY PRESENTATION: Dr. Robert Butcher, Foundations: Consultants on Ethics and Values Caring for the Most Vulnerable: Ethical Issues in Children's Mental Health**

It is a commonplace observation that ethical issues arise in all aspects of the provision of health care. It is also a commonplace observation that those issues are compounded in mental health care. But what happens when the clients are children? and what happens to their families? This session will explore some of the ethical dilemmas faced by those who seek to provide the best possible care, and nurturance, to our most vulnerable populations, and the burdens those dilemmas pose for care providers.

### CONCURRENT MORNING SESSIONS

9:45 am-10:15 am

**WA1: Child Custody and Access Disputes: Working Together in the Interests of Children and Families**  
*Rachel Birnbaum, King's University College*

This presentation will focus on the results of a study of 500 closed files from the Office of the Children's Lawyer where parents were disputing child custody and visitation problems. Results indicate that there needs to be better coordination and collaboration between the various service providers if children's interests are paramount.

**WA2: Changing Together - Family Group Work with Sexualized Children**

*Mary VanderSchaaf, Anita Diebel, Family and Children's Services of Waterloo Region*

Changing Together is a family-based group program that began operating in January 2005. Children who have presented with sexually acting out behaviours and their families attend Changing Together one evening a week for three hours. This is a unique program offered in partnership by a Child Welfare agency and a Children's Mental Health Agency.

**WA3: FASD Ontario: "What's UP?"**

*Elspeth Ross, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Group of Ottawa*

"FASD Ontario: 'What's Up?' Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder services in Ontario: an environmental scan: report to FASD Stakeholders for Ontario" was conducted in 2005. Findings on primary prevention, addictions work with pregnant and parenting women, screening and diagnosis, adapted services for children and youth, and challenges and gaps will be discussed and related to child welfare and children's mental health.

9:45 am-10:45 am

**WA4: Adapting the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Model for Child Welfare Peer Support Teams**

*Debbie Schatia, Children's Aid Society of Toronto; Sonia Tramontin, Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto*

This workshop will review Children's Aid Society and Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto's experiences developing and implementing Peer Support Teams (PST). Strategies for successful implementation/adaptations to PST models, including program usage, evaluation feedback and lessons learned, will be discussed along with research highlighting the importance of PSTs in child welfare.

**WA5: Family Bridges - Bridging the Gap**

*Mike McKenna, Diane Garrett, Niki Reilly, Vanier Children's Services*

The Family Bridges Program is a programming alternative to residential and foster care which addresses complex needs children with long-term placements by combining the family experience of a therapeutic foster home and partnering with a children's mental health organization to deal with treatment modalities. All of this is done while the parents retain legal guardianship. Children are provided with supports until their 18th birthday.

**WA6: Te-Pen-Chi-Kay-Win Wee-Chee-Way-Win "Strengthening and Empowering the Family"**

*Graham Thompson, Tikinagan Child and Family Services; Brenda Dovick, Nodin Child and Family Intervention Services; Ralph Johnson, Elder*

Tikinagan Child and Family Services has developed a Prevention Unit to empower First Nation children through the use of multiple service providers and cultural programming. Dealing directly with the effects of Colonization and Residential Schooling, children and their families will benefit from this team approach, strengthening and empowering the family.

**WA7: AdoptOntario: Working Together for Ontario's Waiting Children**

*Patricia Fenton, Adoption Council of Ontario (ACO); Kathleen Duda, AdoptOntario*

A presentation on AdoptOntario, an innovative program involving public-private partnerships and collaboration to find adoptive homes for Ontario's waiting children.

**WA8: Community Partners with Schools (COMPASS)**

*Mary Ellen Mulligan, Simcoe County Coalition for Children, Youth and Families; Joanne McCafferty, Kinark Child and Family Services; Peter Nagora, New Path Youth and Family Services; Heather Henderson, The Children's Aid Society of the County of Simcoe*

Learn more about one community's proactive strategies to coordinate community resources to help children and families achieve health and success at school. A Simcoe County project which piloted multi-sector teams in four school communities demonstrated improved coordination of services and led to a county-wide plan to establish community school teams.

**WA9: Bullying, Harassment and Racism in Canadian Schools: Prevalence and Program Effectiveness**

*Mark Totten, Youth Services Bureau of Ottawa*

This interactive workshop will explore key findings from the 2005 Safe School Study and investigate key ingredients of quality anti-bullying and harassment interventions. This national project studied the incidence of harmful peer relations in grades 4 - 12 and the impact of school-based programs. Each participant will be provided with a best practices manual authored by the presenter.

**WA10: When Children's Mental Health and Child Welfare Cross Paths - A Collaborative Approach to Supporting Our Community's Kids**

*Cindy I'Anson, Flora Ennis, Woodview Children's Centre; Jacque Scatcherd, Children's Aid Society of Brant*

The Specialized Services Program is offered by Woodview Children's Centre in partnership with the Children's Aid Society of Brant. The program provides therapeutic intervention to children and youth and coaching and support to their caregivers. It is an intensive, strength-based service that assists children and youth to have success in their home, school and community. A critical aspect of the program is support and coaching for caregivers (parents, relatives, foster parents) to help these children and youth reach their potential. It is a highly responsive, flexible and non-traditional approach to working with children, youth and families involved with child welfare services.

**WA11: Change from the Inside OUT: Organizational Change Toward Inclusive Services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual, Transgendered and Gender Non-Conforming Children and Youth**

*Lorraine Gale, Children's Aid Society of Toronto, Out and Proud Program; Sharron Richards, Children's Aid Society of Toronto*

Child welfare and children's mental health organizations are challenged to ensure their services are safe, inclusive and accessible for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, transgendered and gender non-conforming children, youth and families. This workshop will offer practical tools for agencies to develop a comprehensive, organizational change strategy toward achieving this goal.

**WA12: Parents as Partners: The Next Generation**

*Lisa Raffoul, Nancy Wallace Gero, Diane Bourbea, Community Living Essex County*

This session will offer an innovative approach to including parental leadership directly within an organization. Strategies for successful development and implementation will be shared. Creative projects, resource material and consultative activities conducted in partnership will demonstrate the importance of working together toward improved outcomes for children and families.

**WA13: Building Quality Assurance Capacity in Ontario Child Welfare Agencies**

*Ann Lumsden, Chatham-Kent Children's Services; Deborah Goodman, Toronto CAS; Bruce Leslie, Toronto CCAS; Lorna Grant, Grey CAS; Gabe Minor, Hamilton CCAS; Jennifer Penton, Brant CAS*

This presentation proposes strategies for building Quality Assurance (QA) capacity given the field's desire and the Ministry of Children and Youth Services recently formulated expectations. The field's current QA capacity will be described and strategies presented to address provincial, organizational, and agency QA staff capacity. Appropriate for QA staff, managers, and board members.

**10:15 am-10:45 am**

**WA14: A Story in Process**

*Fay Martin, Family Services of Haliburton County; Stella Voisin, Around a Child of Haliburton County*

This workshop describes an evolving approach to educating children in care that has demonstrated success as a core component of a not-for profit treatment foster home program in an under-resourced rural area, designed to meet the needs of challenging children who will be raised in the child welfare system. It includes an individualized educational program delivered in the community by community members under the tutelage of a certified educator. This educational program is available to the child until such time as s/he can reasonably be expected to succeed in school and chooses that option.

**WA15: The Impact of Early Childhood Abuse and Neglect on Intelligence and Achievement**

*Dr. John D. Strang, Dr. Cory D. Saunders, Ozad Institute, Windsor Regional Children's Centre*

This presentation will discuss recent research findings related to the impact of early occurring abuse and neglect on the intellectual and academic functioning of children referred for neuropsychological assessment in a regional children's mental health centre. The findings will be discussed with respect to relevant neurobiological, neurodevelopmental, and environmental/parenting variables.

**11:00 am-11:30 am**

**Youth present their recommendations for change to all conference attendees.**

**11:30 am - 12:30 pm**

**CLOSING PLENARY SPEAKER: Justin Trudeau**



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The education and empowerment of youth are priorities that have dominated Justin Trudeau's professional and personal life. He has a B.A. in English Literature, a B.Ed., and currently, he is pursuing a Master's Degree in Environmental Geography. Justin devoted himself to teaching children of all ages, in public and private schools. He has always loved the outdoors, working as a camp counsellor in Algonquin Park, a whitewater river guide and a snowboard instructor. He is the chair of Katimavik, our national youth service program, where he works to increase the engagement of Canada's youth with their country, their communities and their environment.





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