

Annual Training Forum At A Glance



Thursday NOVEMBER 6, 2014

Friday NOVEMBER 7, 2014

7:30 REGISTRATION & COFFEE

Information Tables

8:30 WELCOME & OPENING

First Nations Opening
Dignitaries

9:15 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Shamita Das Dasgupta

Understanding the Complexities When Battered Women Use Violence

BREAK

10:30 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Sue O'Sullivan

Federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime

Meeting the Needs of Victims – Recommendations to Strengthen the Canadian Victims Bill of Rights

Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond

BC Representative for Children and Youth

Developing a Comprehensive Approach: Working Collaboratively with Vulnerable Children and Families

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12:00 LUNCH PROVIDED

- Odin Books; Healing Practitioners

1:15-4:45 CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

- Good Victim/Bad Victim: Advocating for Women Who Use Force in Intimate Heterosexual Relationships
Shamita Das Dasgupta
- Supporting Survivors After a Homicide (Traumatic) Loss
Marilyn Ferguson
- Dealing with Child Sexual Abuse and Victimization
Christy Dzikowicz
- Get Your Gender Savvy On
Morgen Baldwin, Gail Edinger, Melanie MacDonald, Sarah Wegelin
- A Brief Overview of Focusing-Oriented Therapy: A Gentle Approach to Trauma Work
Leslie Ellis
- Immigration Law and Sponsorship Breakdown
Legal Services Society

5:00 NO HOST RECEPTION / NETWORKING

8:00 REGISTRATION & COFFEE

Information Tables

8:30 WELCOME

Dignitaries

8:45 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Bonnie Brayton, Executive Director, DAWN Canada

Understanding the Response Needs of Women Living with Disabilities Who Are Victims of Violence

BREAK

10:00 PLENARY PANEL

Gisela Ruebsaat, Nancy Carter, Clark Russell

A Year Later: Family Law Act Updates – Overview and Protection Orders

11:05 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Hon. Suzanne Anton

Minister of Justice and Attorney General of BC

ANTI-VIOLENCE SECTOR DISCUSSION GROUPS

Discussion groups will form for Community-Based Victim Services, STV Counselling, STV/Multicultural Outreach, and Program Administrators

12:15 LUNCH PROVIDED

- Odin Books; Healing Practitioners

1:15-4:45 CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

- Transforming Complex Trauma for Women with Disabilities
Bonnie Brayton, Karen Martin
- Family Law Act Overview: Mobility (Relocation) Issues
Amanda Rose
- Risk Assessment Across Communities
Gisela Ruebsaat, Debby Hamilton, Amy Fitzgerald, Sgt Robert Daly
- Suicide and Self-Injury in Youth: What to Look For, What to Ask, What to Do, **Laura Hamilton**
- **Part A)** OPRA and STV-DES: An Overview of Victim Service and Violence Against Women Programs Monthly Reporting Systems, **Mark Williams and Jamie Lipp;**
Part B) Highlights of the RCMP/EVA BC/FREDA Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) PRIME Study, **Margaret Jackson and Christopher Giles**
- Working to Be Trans* Inclusive
Alyx MacAdams
- Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT): Theory, Practice, and Strategies to Enhance Radical Acceptance
Brianne Layden

Increasing Safety for Women Experiencing Sexual and Domestic Violence



Program & Agenda – Updates Only Day 1: Thursday, November 6, 2014

DIGNITARIES

Hon. Kellie Leitch, Minister of Labour and Minister of Status of Women

Norm Lipinski, Assistant Commissioner Criminal Operations – Core Policing, RCMP ‘E’ Division Headquarters

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Meeting the Needs of Victims - Recommendations to Strengthen the Canadian Victims Bill of Rights

Sue O’Sullivan, Federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime

Sue will present on the importance of ensuring that victims of crime are informed, considered, protected, and supported. Ms. O’Sullivan will also share her views on the Government of Canada’s proposed Victims Bill of Rights and how it can be strengthened to better meet the needs and concerns of victims of crime.



Throughout her career, **Sue O’Sullivan** has been an advocate for safe and healthy communities and for increased services to victims.

Ms. O’Sullivan began her distinguished career in policing in 1981, holding numerous leadership positions throughout her 30 years of service until retiring as Deputy Chief of Police (Ottawa). Continuing forward with her work, and drawing on her background and interest in assisting those affected by crime, Ms. O’Sullivan began an appointed term as Canada’s Federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime on August 16, 2010. She was renewed for a second three-year mandate in July 2013.

During her time as Ombudsman, Ms. O’Sullivan has continually placed a strong emphasis on ensuring that victims’ voices are heard at the federal level and has pushed for positive change for victims of crime in Canada, including making recommendations to the Government of Canada on legislative and policy amendments.

Ms. O’Sullivan’s passion for change and dedication to those she serves has been recognized on numerous occasions, including as recipient of the Queen’s Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medals, the Police Exemplary Service Medal, la médaille “Vigilance et Loyauté – échelon Chene d’argent- Sureté du Quebec”, the 110th Anniversary of Scouts Canada Commemorative Centennial Medal and the YMCA-YWCA Women of Distinction Award. Ms. O’Sullivan was also appointed, by her Excellency the Governor General of Canada, as an Officer of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces (2006).

Sue has a Bachelor of Arts in Law and Sociology with a subtitle in Criminology and Corrections (Carleton University) and is a graduate of the Police Leadership Program (OACP and the University of Toronto) and the Leadership in Counter Terrorism Program.

WORKSHOPS

Immigration Law and Sponsorship Breakdown

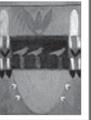
This workshop will provide a general introduction to the Canadian immigration system (excluding the refugee determination process), including an update on recent and anticipated developments. Topics will include: the rise of compliance monitoring in the Temporary Foreign Workers program; the “Faster

Removal of Foreign Criminals Act”; the reorganization of the North American network; new challenges for users of the immigration system; anti-fraud measures and revocation proceedings in the citizenship context; updates to the family class (including changes to spousal and parental sponsorship programs); the growing importance of English/French language proficiency; and, the growth of “Ministerial Discretion” Information on sponsorship debt and breakdown in context to domestic violence.

Deanna Okun-Nachoff completed her law degree at the University of BC in 2002. After she was called to the Bar in 2003, Deanna became Staff Lawyer and Executive Director of West Coast Domestic Workers' Association, where she represented live-in caregivers in all aspects of immigration and employment law and acted regularly as counsel at the Immigration & Refugee Board and Federal Court of Canada. Deanna has extensive experience assisting marginalized and low-income workers, undocumented workers, trafficked persons and applicants for permanent residence who require ministerial permission to remain in Canada due to a medical inadmissibility or other non-compliance with Canadian immigration requirements.

Deanna joined McCrea & Associates in 2010. She volunteers as Secretary of the Canadian Bar Association's National Immigration Law Section, as a volunteer lawyer at Access Pro Bono and is a Board Member at MOSAIC, a multilingual non-profit organization dedicated to addressing issues that affect immigrants and refugees in the course of their settlement and integration into Canadian society. Deanna has lived, worked and studied in England and in Holland. Her interest in diverse cultures has inspired her to travel throughout Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and Central America.

Increasing Safety for Women Experiencing Sexual and Domestic Violence



Program & Agenda – Updates Only Day 2: Friday, November 7, 2014

DIGNITARIES

Hon. Suzanne Anton, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of BC



Hon. Suzanne Anton was elected to represent the riding of Vancouver-Fraserview in 2013 after a distinguished career at the municipal level. She was appointed Attorney General and Minister of Justice on 10 June 2013.

A lawyer and former prosecutor with the Criminal Justice Branch of B.C., Suzanne has nine years of elected service. She was elected to Vancouver City Council in 2005 and re-elected in 2008. Before becoming a City Councillor, she served three years on the Vancouver Park Board.

Suzanne was on the Board of Directors for the B.C. Pavilion Corporation (PavCo), the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and the BC Sports Hall of Fame. She served on the 2011 Grey Cup committee and the Vancouver 125 committee. Suzanne served as the Vancouver director for the Federation of Canadian municipalities, where she was the vice chair of the Committee to Increase Women's Participation in Municipal Government and sat on the Governance Review Committee.

As a Director of Metro Vancouver, Suzanne was a member of the Waste Management Committee, the Land Use and Transportation Committee, and the UBC/Metro Vancouver joint committee.

Suzanne served as the Vancouver director on Translink during the initial construction of the Canada Line. While there, she also served on the audit committee. Suzanne has served on numerous community and sport boards. She was also a mathematics teacher in Portugal and Nigeria (with CUSO). She has experience in the leadership, management and financial operations of some of B.C.'s largest organizations.

WORKSHOPS

Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT): Theory, practice, and strategies to enhance radical acceptance

This workshop will provide attendees with a basic understanding of the principles and practice of DBT, with a special focus on radical acceptance skills as they might apply to survivors of abuse and trauma. Topics to be covered will include the theoretical foundations of DBT, DBT in practice, radical acceptance skills within DBT and the dialectic between acceptance and change. Finally, the workshop will also address how DBT and acceptance strategies are used with individuals who have experienced abuse and trauma and/or are exhibiting symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Brianne Layden joined the team at the DBT Centre of Vancouver in July 2012. She completed her Master's degree in Clinical-Forensic Psychology in July of 2012 from Simon Fraser University (SFU) and is currently working on her PhD. She received her B.A. (Hon) in Psychology from SFU for which she completed an honours thesis examining the role of self-objectification in the association between childhood sexual abuse and non-suicidal self-injury. Her Master's thesis examined factors that were associated with and predict violence perpetration toward others among individuals who engage in non-suicidal self-injury. She has presented her research at international conferences throughout North America and Europe. Clinically, Ms. Layden has received training in Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) and Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT) as they are applied to a variety of psychological difficulties,

including BPD, depression, anxiety, substance use, suicidal and non-suicidal self-injurious behaviours and disordered eating.

The following workshop will explore two interrelated themes:

Part A) OPRA and STV-DES: An Overview of Victim Service and Violence Against Women Programs Monthly Reporting Systems

Programs are required to report monthly statistics through online reporting systems. This session will provide an overview of the Victim Service and Crime Prevention Division's monthly reporting systems – OPRA (Online Program Records Administration) and STV-DES (Stopping the Violence – Data Entry System). Participants will be provided with an overview of each system and monthly reporting requirements and will have an opportunity to have any questions addressed.

Jamie Lipp is the Director of Community Programs with the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Branch of the Ministry of Justice. Jamie – along with his team of Program Managers – oversee over 400 contracted community programs addressing the needs of victims of crime, women and their children fleeing violence in relationships, crime prevention and restorative justice. Jamie has spent much of his working life (20+ years) working on issues related to crime, violence and victimization.

Outside of work, Jamie enjoys spending time with his family – partner Tina and their sons Riley, 13 and Kalen, 9. They enjoy spending many Spring and Summer weekends together in the great outdoors – camping, biking and hiking.

Mark Williams is a Program Manager with the Community Programs Unit of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Branch of the Ministry of Justice, and previously worked with the Branch as a Program Performance Analyst. Mark specializes in program evaluation and development and has worked with Food Banks Canada, the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic, and the Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton. In a former life, Mark was a SSHRCC Doctoral Fellow in Philosophy and has taught courses on ethics and social and political philosophy at both McMaster and Wilfrid Laurier Universities in Ontario. Mark currently lives with his family in Vancouver.

PART B) Highlights of the RCMP/ EVA/FREDA Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) PRIME Study

This section of the workshop will explore a study analyzing IPV events and the associated victims and perpetrators recorded by RCMP E Division in the province of British Columbia from 2009 to 2012. The analysis includes intimate spousal and short-term relationships. Preliminary results indicate that there have been noticeable changes to the reporting of IPV over the four-year period, as well as several differences in perpetrator and victim patterns across variables, such as age, gender and ethnicity. The results contradict the notion that there is gender symmetry in IPV recorded by the RCMP. Moreover, the results indicate that there are distinct patterns of specialization and escalation for repeat offenders and victims, as well as patterns for role transitions from victim to offender and the reverse for people with repeated contact with the RCMP. Given these emergent patterns, the analysis focuses in more detail on IPV recorded in the Northern region of BC, which is predominantly rural and has large concentrations of Aboriginal people.

Margaret Jackson Dr. Margaret Jackson is the Director of the FREDA Centre, and Professor Emerita, School of Criminology, Simon Fraser University. Dr. Jackson has worked in the research area of violence against women and children for 25+ years. She has published and presented her work extensively in community, government, and academic settings.

Christopher Giles Dr. Christopher Giles is a Post-Doctoral Fellow with the IRMACS Centre in the Department of Mathematics at Simon Fraser University, and Research Associate, the FREDA Centre. Dr. Giles completed his doctoral work in the School of Criminology at SFU on frequent offenders with a focus on lambda and specialization. He is currently collaborating on mathematical models of criminal justice systems and on projects focused on violent repeat offending and victimization within intimate partner relationships.