

APRIL 2011

April 29

10:00 – 12:30

Someone I Care About Died: A Journey through Grief, Bereavement, Mourning & Renewal

This presentation will offer an introduction to information about supporting people with developmental disabilities through life's losses.

Presenters:

Ronalee R. White, MSW, RSW

Clinical Social Worker, Twin Lakes Clinical Services

Jodie Petkovich

Behaviour Consultant, Hamilton Brant Behaviour Services

MAY 2011

REPRESENTATION FROM ALL FOUR NETWORKS OF SPECIALIZED CARE

May 20

10:00 – 12:30

Community Networks of Specialized Care: Building Health Care Capacity to Serve Individuals with a Developmental Disability

This session will outline the historic difficulties in accessing primary health care for individuals within the developmental services sector and the importance of building capacity within primary health care for the individuals we support. Particular attention will be paid to the roles of the newly developed Primary Health Care Initiative positions across Ontario from both a provincial and regional perspective. Participants will gain insight into activities that will take place over the course of the next year, and look at what future steps should be taken through this initiative to build and enhance primary health care considerations in our population.

Presenters:

Health Care Facilitator(s)

Health Care Consultant(s)

Dual Diagnosis Health Care Facilitator(s)

JUNE 2011

June 17

10:00 – 12:30

Youth In Transition: A Toolkit for Supporting Youth with Developmental Disabilities

Many agencies and direct support professionals are struggling in their efforts to support the youth of today who are transitioning into adult services. The Southern Network of Specialized Care recognizes this need and together with several clinicians and experts in the South region, has recently developed a Toolkit. This Toolkit includes Tip Sheets and a vast list of Resources designed for persons who are supporting individuals with a developmental disability who are transitioning into adulthood. This session will describe how the Toolkit was developed, how it can be accessed and how support persons can use this resource in their work with youth who are transitioning. Some key resources will be highlighted.

Presenters:

Linda Smith

Facilitator, Southern Network of Specialized Care
Hamilton & Brant

Lynda Legge

Facilitator, Southern Network of Specialized Care
Grey/Bruce & Huron/Perth

JULY 2011

July 22

10:00 – 12:30

Introduction to Research Methods and Critical Appraisal

This session will provide an introduction to quantitative and qualitative research methods with particular emphasis on critical appraisal of strengths and weaknesses of research evidence. The session will also provide a basic introduction to the research process, research design and outcomes with focus on health and social services. The critical appraisal skills acquired will help participants to determine whether research findings are evidence based and are appropriate to incorporate into your practice.

Presenter:

Ernie Jodoin

Planning and Integration Advisor
Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant
Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)

SEPTEMBER 2011

September 16

10:00 – 12:30

Up Close & Personal: Navigating Personal Boundaries in Day to Day Support

The nature of providing personal support to people can be complicated. Direct support professionals encounter situations that challenge them to think on their feet and maintain professionalism. Should you buy someone a coffee? Accept or give gifts? Bring people to your home? Share personal information? Discussion will focus on solutions to boundary dilemmas.

Presenter:

Marianne Simpson,

Community Consultant: Regional Support Associates

FORENSIC SERIES – Session 1

September 22

10:00 – 12:30

Offenders with ID

A Description of this session will be available on the Community Networks of Specialized Care website once received from the presenters

Presenters:

Deb Richards

Paul Fedoroff

OCTOBER 2011

FORENSIC SERIES: Session 2

October 7

Community Treatment Orders and Other Changes to the Mental Health Act

10:00 – 12:30

In this session, participants will learn what a CTO (Community Treatment Order) is and how it is applied to persons with mental health issues.

There will also be discussion around some of the other recent changes that have occurred within the Mental Health Act.

Presenter:

Gale Melligan, RN BA CPMHN(C)

CTO Coordinator

Schizophrenia and Community Integration Services (SCIS)

St Joseph's Healthcare, Hamilton

OCTOBER 2011

October 21

10:00 – 12:30

Recognizing and Managing Countertransference Reactions in Direct Developmental Supports

Countertransference refers to the feelings that are aroused in the helper by the persons we support, feelings that have more to do with our own past relationships and experiences than with any feature of the present helping relationship. This is a natural reaction that occurs in all relationships. It is the skilled direct support professional that is able to recognize and manage countertransference reactions in the helping relationship. This presentation aims to provide direct support professionals with the tools to do so.

Presenter:

Darren Rene, MSW, RSW

Clinical Supervisor, Regional Support Associates

NOVEMBER 2011

EASTERN NETWORK

November 3

10:00 – 12:30

Asperger's Syndrome in Adulthood: A Clinician's Guide

This presentation will provide a comprehensive overview of Asperger's Syndrome (AS). Participants will be introduced to 1) Current genetic, environmental, cognitive and neurological theories regarding the etiology of AS, 2) Issues related to an interdisciplinary assessment of AS, including diagnostic criteria, clinical observations highlighting the twelve themes relevant to the assessment process of the Autism Spectrum Assessment Measures, 3) The prevalence and description of mental health concerns occurring over the lifespan of individuals with AS, 4) Neuro-developmental and medical issues, 5) Psychosocial issues, including housing and life skills, relationships, sexuality, employment, education and involvement with the forensic system, 6) Pharmacological, psychotherapeutic, and complimentary interventions. Case discussions will be discussed to illustrate the need to utilize practice-based evidence to support promising, emerging evidence-based practices.

Presenter:

Bob King, MD FRCPC

Consultant Psychiatrist

Pathways to Independence, Belleville

Assertive Community Treatment Team for Persons Dually Diagnosed, Brockville

JANAURY 2012

January 13

10:00 – 12:30

Let's Talk. A Bereavement Program for Individuals with a Developmental Disability

From education on death and dying to walking through the grief journey! It is a very individual experience. This presentation will look at the importance of working through the grief journey and what we have learned in supporting the people that we have served over the last 19 years.

Presenter:

Mike Gilmore

Chaplain, Bethesda

FEBRUARY 2012

February 14

10:00 – 12:30

Couples Therapy for People with Intellectual Disabilities

Teenagers and adults with intellectual disabilities often want to live together, or dream about marriage and having children. This session (aimed towards professionals and families) looks at issues related to couples, counselling, dealing with extended families, and key ethical issues. Relevant history and research on this topic will be discussed. Attention will be on the "Positive Support-Couple Therapy" Model.

Presenter:

J. Dale Munro, MSW, RSW, FAAIDD

Clinical Supervisor, Regional Support Associates

FEBRUARY 2012

ADDICTIONS AND DUAL DIAGNOSIS DAY
(DATE TO BE DETERMINED)

CENTRAL NETWORK

10:00 – 12:30

Identifying Individuals with a Dual Diagnosis and Substance Misuse

The purpose of our presentation will be to share our experiences in exploring and raising awareness about the issue of Dual Diagnosis and Substance Misuse. We will provide information regarding identifying substance misuse, accessing resources and how to overcome barriers in accessing support.

Presenters:

Alice Jara, Behaviour Consultant
Behaviour Management Services of York Simcoe
Danielle Moreau, Concurrent Disorders Counselor
Addiction Services for York Region
Joanne Savage, Dual Diagnosis Case Manager
York Support Services Network

1:00 – 3:30 PM

Substance Treatment and Response Program (STAR)

Sound Mental Health, Seattle Washington

This presentation will focus on a substance abuse program specifically designed for persons with a dual diagnosis.

Presenter:

David O'Neal, MS, MHP
Department Manager of Specialized Services

FORENSIC SERIES: Session 3

March 23

10:00 – 12:30

Navigating the Judicial System when Someone has a Dual Diagnosis: A Unique Perspective from the South

The session will be led by the 3 Justice Dual Diagnosis Case Managers within the Southern Network of Specialized Care who have been working with special needs dually diagnosed offenders since the inception of the Dual Diagnosis Justice Case Management initiative. Particular attention will focus on this unique journey for the developmental population, some of the challenges and obstacles that have been faced, and some useful tips and tricks to having a successful voyage through an often times complicated judicial system.

Presenters:

Jen Procop, BA

Dual Diagnosis Justice Case Manager – Regional Support Associates

Anna Marie Dodge, BSW, MSW

Dual Diagnosis Justice Case Manager – Regional Support Associates

Troy Huisman

Dual Diagnosis Justice Case Manager – Bethesda