**…Linking UP…↑**

**A PROVINCIAL SELF ADVOCACY NETWORK**

**Upcoming videoconference sessions for 2015-2016**

**A Preview to the “Linking UP” provincial self advocacy network 2015-2016 Video Conference Series – October 2015 to October 2016**

**Friday, October 30th, 2015**

9:30am - 12:30pm

**S.T.A.R. (Stop.Think.Act.Report.)**

**Community Living Port Colborne-Wainfleet (CLPCW)** has launched a program that is designed to address the problem of Abuse before it starts. S.T.A.R. was created to teach participants how to identify and diffuse abusive situations before they even start. The presentation concentrates on five forms of abuses: verbal, physical, sexual, financial and neglect.

Please join the S.T.A.R. team of trainers in this interactive program designed especially for YOU!

**This year’s videoconference series will focus on education opportunities for Self Advocates across Ontario. We hope this format of using videoconferencing allows you to participate in these short but meaningful workshops to enhance your skills and understanding on a variety of subjects.**

**Specific VC registration details will be sent closer to the video conference date.**

**Friday, October 28th, 2016**

9:30am - 12:30pm

**OPEN FORUM**

Come out and join in on the conversation!

We want to hear from YOU!!

What are you up to?

What’s new?

What are your challenges?

What are your successes?

What do you need?

What topics would you like to hear about?

**Friday, June 24th, 2016**

9:30am - 12:30pm

**RESPECT AND DIGNITY**

**Kory Earle, self advocate and president of People First Canada, has “dedicated my life advocating on behalf of others, whether they have a disability or not, ensuring they are treated with dignity and respect.”**

**Friday, April 1st , 2016**

9:30am – 12:30pm

**BULLYING**

**Crystal Silverthorne of Voices Unlimited**

**has been an active self advocate for 6 years. She has sat on numerous committees involving self advocacy, rights and other focuses. She has a particular passion for the topic of bullying and inclusion. One of her stories is in a published book called “We Want You To Know” by Deb Ellis. She will share some of her stories, together with another committee member and OPP officer, the topic will be discussed at length.**

**Friday, January 29th, 2016**

9:30am - 12:30pm

**GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT**

**Cheryl Bailey, certified grief counsellor from Port Colborne will present on Grief and Bereavement for people with developmental disabilities, their families and caregivers.**

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