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Supporting Survivors by Supporting Staff

Annual Training

March 1st and 2nd, 2012

DAY ONE AT-A-GLANCE

MARCH 1ST, 2012

ITEM	TIME	LOCATION
REGISTRATION	8:45 am	Main Foyer
BREAKFAST	9:00 am	Floral Hall
OPENING REMARKS	9:20 am	Floral Hall
KEYNOTE SPEAKER Stuart Knight	9:30 am	Floral Hall
YOGA SELF CARE BREAK	10:30 am	Floral Hall
BREAK	10:45 am	
PANEL 1: ENGAGING MEN TO ELIMINATE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN	11:00 am	Floral Hall
LUNCH	1:00 pm	Floral Hall
SIMULTANEOUS WORKSHOPS		
1.– FAMILY LAW INFORMATION RELEVANT TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ISSUES	2:00 pm	Floral Hall
2.– SUBSTANCE USE/ MENTAL HEALTH: BUILDING COMMUNITY CAPACITY TO BETTER SUPPORT WOMEN IMPACTED BY VIOLENCE	2:00 pm	Studio 1
3.– LGBTQ2S INCLUSIVITY	2:00 pm	Studio 2
4.-CRIMINAL LAW INFORMATION RELEVANT TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ISSUES	2:00 pm	Studio 3
YOGA SELF CARE BREAK	4:30 pm	Floral Hall
CLOSING REMARKS	4:45 pm	Floral Hall

Day Two

March 2nd, 2012

Simultaneous Workshops

2:00-4:30pm

Workshop: Children as Victims of Violence

Room: Floral Hall

Presented by: Angelique Jenney, PhD, MSW. Child Development Institute

Discussions exploring child abuse and witnesses to violence in the home, as well as intersections of service provision.

Workshop: Women with DisAbilities

Room: Studio 1

Presented by: Fran Odette, Program Manager of the Women with Disabilities and Deaf Women's Program, Springtide Resources.

Anita Harding, Deaf Women's Program Coordinator, Spring tide Resources.

Exploring services and resources available to women living with disabilities experiencing and living with violence. Current, accurate and realistic information about the Accessibility for Ontarians Disability Act that is relevant to, and reflective of, the needs of women experiencing violence.

Workshop: Documentation Skills

Room: Studio 2

Presented by: Mary Lou Fassel, Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic.

Identify and explore the significant legal system trends and legislative initiatives that have focused our attention on the management of clients' personal and confidential information.

Workshop: Vicarious Trauma (Closed Workshop)

Room: Studio 3

Presented by: Irene Gabinet, St. Joseph's Health Centre, Women's Health Centre and Suzanne Thompson, Registered Art Therapist

This workshop has been designed to learn how to recognize the symptoms of compassion fatigue and vicarious trauma, develop resilience and healthy coping skills, and create a professional and personal care plan to minimize the risk of compassion fatigue in your work.

Day Two
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Keynote Speaker: Dr. Lori Haskell

Floral Hall 9:30-10:30am

Dr. Lori Haskell is a clinical psychologist in private practice. Her clinical interests include trauma, re victimization, vicarious trauma, sexual abuse and sexual violence in relation to psychological development. She has a status appointment as an assistant professor in psychiatry at the University of Toronto and is an academic research associate with the Centre for Research on Violence Against Women and Children.

Dr. Haskell's research work has focused on victimization and its effects, violence prevention, and trauma and psychological development. She is currently working on projects addressing the impact of trauma on Aboriginal peoples, trauma and the service challenges for developmentally disabled people, and restorative justice and gendered violence.

Panel Discussion: Immigrant and Refugee Women and their Rights
Floral Hall 11:00am-1:00pm

This panel promises to be informative with talks led by Geraldine Sadoway, Lawyer at Parkdale Legal Community Clinic; Sayran Sulevani, Lawyer at Barbra Schlifer Clinic; Rupaleem Bhuyan, assistant professor at UofT, Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work; and Pat Durish, clinical social worker and part time teacher at the Women and Gender Institute and the Equity Studies Program at UofT.

The members of the panel will discuss current, accurate and realistic information about the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act that is relevant to, and reflective of, the needs of women experiencing violence.

Areas discussed include how women with precarious immigration status from Central America negotiate their rights when seeking services related to abuse and the spousal sponsorship process, including new legislation now being proposed for conditional or probationary resident status for sponsored spouses.

Moderated by Harmacy Mendoza, Executive Director of the Woman Abuse Council of Toronto. Panel members will provide a 20 minute presentation based on their work and research followed by a question and answer period.

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PANEL 2: IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE PROTECTION LEGISLATION RELEVANT TO THE NEEDS OF WOMEN EXPERIENCING VIOLENCE	11:00 am	Floral Hall
LUNCH	1:00 pm	Floral Hall
SIMULTANEOUS WORKSHOPS		
1.– CHILDREN AS VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE: INTERSECTIONS OF SERVICE PROVISION	2:00 pm	Floral Hall
2.– ONTARIANS DISABILITY LEGISLATION RELEVANT TO THE NEEDS OF WOMEN LIVING WITH DISABILI- TIES EXPERIENCING AND LIVING WITH VIOLENCE	2:00 pm	Studio 1
3.– DOCUMENTATION SKILLS	2:00 pm	Studio 2
4.-COMPASSION FATIGUE AND VICARIOUS TRAUMA	2:00 pm	Studio 3
FAMILY COURT SUPPORT WORKER INFORMATION	4:00pm	Floral Hall
YOGA SELF CARE BREAK	4:10pm	Floral Hall
WOMEN'S VOICES FOR ACTION COMMITTEE— SPEAKERS BUREAU	4:30pm	Floral Hall
CLOSING REMARKS	4:45pm	Floral Hall

Day One
March 1st, 2012

Keynote Speaker: Stuart Knight

Floral Hall 9:30-10:30am

Stuart Knight has spoken to one million people across North America. His presentations are always entertaining, hilarious and thought provoking. He has shared the stage with people such as Pamela Wallin, Michael Lee Chin, Stephen Lewis, Robin Sharma and Jenny McCarthy. He will inspire your team to create valuable relationships and make powerful decisions that will increase your organization's overall success!

Stuart Knight's thought provoking presentation will change the way you communicate with the people that matter the most. Since the test of time, our ability to create strong relationships with others has been the key factor to reaching our potential. During this presentation you will be empowered with the fundamental tools needed to foster those relationships and to reach that true potential within all of us!

Panel Discussion: Engaging Men to End Violence Against Women

Floral Hall 11:00am-1:00pm

Panellists include founder of The Caring Dads Program and Clinical Psychologist, Katreena Scott; Clara Luz Castillo, Executive Director at Counterpoint Counselling and Educational Co-operative Inc.; Director of Programs at the White Ribbon Campaign, Humberto Carolo; and Lisa Tomlinson from the Children's Aid Society of Toronto.

The audience will be introduced to the work being done by these organizations, best practices in cases of woman abuse and engaging men in a child welfare context, and the role of men and boys in promoting gender equality and the effective strategies used to engage them.

The panel will be moderated by Harmy Mendoza, Executive Director of the Woman Abuse Council of Toronto and each panel member will provide a 20 minute presentation based on the work and research they are doing. The panel will be followed by a question and answer period.

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March 1st, 2012

Simultaneous Workshops

2:00-4:30pm

Workshop: Family Law

Room: Floral Hall

Presented by: Pamela Cross, feminist family law lawyer and women's advocate, of Luke's Place Support and Resource Centre for Women and Children. Luke's Place is presently leading the provincial Family Court Support Worker training initiative, a new program funded by the Ministry of the Attorney General

The goal of this workshop is to expose frontline violence against women workers to a number of key issues related to supporting women who have experienced abuse as they work through the family court process. Workshop participants will be provided with information and tools to take back to their work.

Workshop: Substance Use and Mental Health Issues

Room: Studio 1

Presented by: **Nora Currie**, Toronto Region VAW Shelter Network (VAWN)
Deborah Waddington, Toronto Public Health.

A look at the intersection of violence, substance use and mental health, grounded in women's voices and lived experiences in order to build individual and community capacity to better support women impacted by violence.

Workshop: LGBTQ2S Inclusivity

Room: Studio 2

Presented by: **Howard Shulman**, 519 Community Centre.

Designed to promote open dialogue about trans accessibility by giving frontline staff the opportunity to ask questions, build skills, and learn the information most relevant to their work.

Workshop: Criminal Law

Room: Studio 3

Presented by: **Lydia Yang**, Elizabeth Fry Toronto.

Current, accurate and realistic information about criminal law that is relevant to, and reflective of, the needs of women leaving abusive relationships.