



We are pleased to welcome **Dr. Bill Madsen** back to Alberta and invite you to attend a workshop addressing:

Developing Practice Frameworks / Tools Supporting Implementation of Outcome Based Service Delivery (OBSD) Including examples from “Signs of Safety” and Other Strength Based Approaches

Presented by: **Dr. Bill Madsen**

Dates /Time: Friday, February 24, 2011, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: Training Room - 6770- 129 Ave.
Bosco Homes , Edmonton

Cost **\$50.00+GST per person** (including lunch)
The AASCF is committed to keeping the costs low to encourage agencies to free up staff.
Certificates will be provided for Social Work credit

Learning Outcomes:

1. To establish and understand the philosophy and principles of strength-based, collaborative, family focused practice frameworks;
2. To explore how practice needs to (and does) shift if operating from a different model/perspective and
3. To examine tools for case planning, working collaboratively with families and others i.e. assessing safety as well as risk, building support networks, use of community resources, etc

Registration:

Please complete the **attached form** and return to
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There is much interest in learning from Dr. Madsen and we encourage you to register quickly.

Please forward this invitation to others, who may be interested.

If you require additional information about the workshop:

Please contact Sandra Maygard by
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Overview:

Over the years, many different practice models have been developed and refined. In Alberta, there is agreement that effective practice models are asset/ strength-based, culturally responsive and empower partnerships with families.

Dr. Madsen has worked with “**Signs of Safety**”, an approach developed by child welfare workers in Australia, that looks to expand the investigation of risk to include signs of safety which can strengthen a family’s ability to protect and nurture their children; is being implemented in many jurisdictions internationally and works well within Aboriginal communities (Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child and Family Services, Cranbrook, BC).

The AASCF is pleased to take advantage of Dr. Madsen’s time in Alberta to offer a workshop to agencies to learn more about the “tried and tested” tools that may be used to further the implementation of OBSD.

Who Should Attend: This workshop will appeal to all people who are interested in learning more about strength based practice approaches and the changes impacting how we work and interact with families, and is open to front-line workers, supervisors and senior management staff from agencies and CFSA’s.

Biography

Bill Madsen is the Founder and Director of the **Family Centered Services Project** (FCSP) in Massachusetts, an organization

dedicated to inspiring, supporting and enhancing agencies’ ability to *develop new frameworks to put families at the center of collaborative, strength-based, culturally responsive services* - through training, organizational consultation, and ongoing coaching and technical assistance. He has developed and administered innovative programs that combine outpatient and home-based services and has written and presented extensively about the development of strengths-based, collaborative partnerships between families and helpers. He is the author “**Collaborative Therapy with Multi-Stressed Families**”; (2nd Edition), numerous articles and is currently working on a book entitled, “**Helping: Towards More Supportive Services**”.

Over the last years, Dr. William (Bill) Madsen, Ph.D. has made a huge impression, in many Alberta circles, through his ideas, meetings and workshops for agency and ministry staff, including: **An Overview of the Signs of Safety: A Practice Framework** for front-line, middle and senior management within agencies and CFSA’s and **Successful Implementation of New Practice Approaches: Organizational Readiness and Organizational Culture** for senior management agency and ministry staff. He has been involved with the Signs of Safety approach and its implementation across several jurisdictions.

We invite you and other people within your organization to take this opportunity to learn, share expertise and help us to develop the “next steps” of implementing OBSD



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