

**The Alberta Association
of Services for
Children and Families**



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STRENGTHENING TODAY,
Building Tomorrow

January 26-27 2012
Fantasyland Hotel, Edmonton

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Sponsorship Opportunities & Benefits

Welcome

The Alberta Association of Services for Children and Families is pleased to present the 4th Annual Strengthening Today, Building Tomorrow Conference. Our conference last year was a huge success with great interface, networking and learning for everyone.

This year we have another exceptional line up of presenters who promise interactive sessions that will peak everyone's interest and provide great value to the work you do. I look forward to the annual gathering of colleagues and friends and to its spirit of diversity, advancement, and celebration. This conference offers marvelous opportunity to step back from some of the hectic and challenging pace so that we can reflect on the work we do, share with others and learn together.

The AASCF strives to work with members to strengthen agencies and promote attitudes, practices and conditions that contribute to quality services for vulnerable children and families. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who works hard throughout the year to make this conference such a success. I encourage you all to participate and to enjoy the diverse lineup of presenters, keynotes and entertainers that promise to offer another successful conference.

There truly is something for everyone. I look forward to seeing everyone at the conference.

Regards,
Danica
Danica Frazer, President AASCF

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The 4rd annual Strengthening Today, Building Tomorrow conference of the Alberta Association of Services for Children and Families is January 26th and 27th at the Fantasyland Hotel in Edmonton, Alberta. The conference is designed to provide cutting edge educational value while strengthening member agencies and promoting attitudes, practices and conditions that contribute to quality services for vulnerable children and families in Alberta.

Sponsoring this event provides your organization exclusive opportunities to engage, brand and reveal your products and services to a select audience. Supporting the efforts of agencies to strengthen and improve their own efforts provides immeasurable benefits.

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FYI

We've improved sponsorship opportunities this year! All supporters of the event will now have Main Ballroom placement ensuring high traffic and visibility. Main session speaking time, AASCF Journal advertising, product placements in delegate bags and table displays options are available. Please check out our website for details on sponsorship levels and opportunities.
http://www.aascf.com/pdf/AASCF_2012_Sponsorship_Opportunities1.pdf

Thursday January 26- DAY 1 *Registration/Information Desk open from 7:30am – 5:00pm*

8:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. Registration, Hot Buffet Breakfast
9:00 A.M. -10:00 A.M. Opening session – Elder Opening Prayer, President's Opening Remarks, Guest Speaker

Session I 10:00 A.M. – Noon

- 1 A **Self Esteem Doesn't Come in a Bottle**
Presented by Kelly Falordo

Many times Kelly was approached by women who said they had the “magic” in a bottle that would make her scars disappear and then she would be beautiful. Kelly didn't believe them and knew that the magic would have to come from her heart and soul. In this presentation Kelly shares her secrets to her self-esteem and how you can use her secrets too.
- 1 B **Building Tomorrow's Leaders**
Presented by Tracy Bridges

Focusing on The Leadership Challenge® material, we will Strengthen participant's leadership development and provide strategies for Building Tomorrow's leaders
- 1 C **a) Providing Effective Intervention Strategies for Individuals with FASD.
b) Diagnosis FASD – What Happens Now**
Presented by Doug Lee & Ray Hoffarth

Applied Behavioral Learning is a model of instruction and supports that helps create functional skills in FASD individuals aiding them in managing their own behaviours.
- 1 D **Outcome-Based Service Delivery: Trends, Implications and Results**
Presented by Susan Gardner, Jon Reeves & Bruce MacLaurin

This presentation highlights the significant opportunities and challenges inherent in using data to inform an Outcomes Based Service Delivery Initiative.
- 1 E **Traditional Family Parenting/Re Claiming Our Indigenoussness**
Presented by Janet Fox

This presentation will provide information on how First Nations raised their children traditionally, how we lost our parenting skills and how we can bring them back.
- 1 F **How To Turn Your Support Group From Mediocre to Magnificent**
Presented by Lynne Downey

This workshop will explore the necessary ingredients to introduce and use Experiential Learning/activities to enhance the learning of group participants.
- 1 G **Resiliency and Youth in Care**
Presented by Shauna Parks & Former Youth in Care

Youth in care face numerous, often seemingly insurmountable obstacles as they navigate the child welfare system. Hear strategies for supporting resiliency among this unique population
- 1 H **Building Resilience in the Workplace**
Presented by Dennis Eisenbarth

Changes in the workplace appear to be out of control. Our ability to succeed in the face of these changes constantly challenges us to be flexible and roll with the changes. This course will help you to build on your workplace resilient and create the unstoppable you.
- 1 I **Living with FASD**
Presented by Miles Himmelreich

Sharing from personal experience, Myles speaks to what it is like to live with FASD on a daily basis, what his journey has been growing up, and what he needs in order to have success today. Some of the topics Myles discusses are how FASD has affected him and his interaction with his environment, issues and barriers he's experienced, his capabilities and strengths as well as what individuals can do to support people affected by FASD.

12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. **Lunch Keynote Myles Himmelreich**
Living with FASD
Myles Himmelreich discusses his journey in life living with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). He shares his life story with courage so that others may learn from his experiences that have brought him to his current personal and professional successes. Myles is a Mentor for other individuals living with FASD with the McMan Kalidescope program and is an active member of the Calgary FASD community and partnerships.

Live Art Performance by Lewis Lavoie during Myles Himmelreich and Don Burnstick's keynote addresses. Art work will be auctioned off at the end of performances. Proceeds will support AASCF projects.

- 2 A **The Three Pebbles: Reflections on Leadership**
Presented by Jim Pritchard & Shawn O'Grady

Join us in a dynamic, participatory experience using the metaphor of pebbles tossed into water and creating ripples. This workshop will create a framework of leadership essentials: People, Values, and Strategy.
- 2 B **The current state of Alberta's young children.**
Presented by Line Marie Perron

This presentation will look at the preliminary information from the Early Child Development Mapping Project and how Alberta's young children are doing developmentally prior to entering Kindergarten.
- 2 C **The Casework Practice Model and Outcomes Based Service Delivery**
Presented by Joni Brodziak & Robert Hopkins

This session will provide participants with an overview of the Casework Practice Model and demonstrate how it fits with the Outcomes Based Service Delivery initiative.
- 2 D **Pathways: Effective Strategies for Working with Youth**
Presented by Don Burnstick

This workshop is for caregivers, frontline workers and educators who work with adolescents. Drawing upon his years of experience working with youth, Don shares his knowledge and skills, which enable professionals to become more effective in helping our youth, and deal with the many pressures they face.
- 2 E **Parenting in Two Cultures for Newcomers**
Presented by Maureen Gross & Mary Fiakpui

Do you work with newcomer families who come from group-oriented cultures? What are the differences from parenting in an individualistic culture? Let's explore this issue.
- 2 F **Incorporating Evidence-Based intervention into Work with Multi-Risk Youth in confined and Open Residential Settings.**
Presented by Dr. Brian Zelt

Dr. Brian Zelt, Clinical Director, will discuss some of the emerging therapeutic trends and approaches in their work, with specific emphasis on the role of evidence-based systemic and family-focused approaches to case management and intervention.
- 2 G **Practicing an inclusive biopsychosocial framework within reasonable treatment.**
Presented by Heather Bergh & Tobi Martin

This presentation provides a framework for adolescent residential treatment focuses on balancing treatment interventions in the following areas: biological/puberty; psychological/cognitive; and social redefinition.
- 2 H **Understanding Separation and Loss**
Presented by Donna Jamieson

This workshop will help participants gain a better understanding of the cycle of grief and loss as it affects children, youth and families. Grief and recovery will be examined in terms of symptoms, and possible short term and long-term effects.
- 2 I **Raising Emotionally Intelligent Children**
Presented by Dennis Eisenbarth

Research today finds that success in life is not so much a function of a child's intellect or I.Q., but rather their E.Q. or Emotional Intelligence. E.Q. is the ability to understand and manage emotions, as well as the emotions of others.

4:00 P.M. - 5:15 P.M. **Networking Reception in the Main Ballroom includes hot appetizers. A cash bar will be available.**

5:15 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. **You Might Be a Redskin - Healing Through Native Humour**
In addition to his healing work, Don has established himself as one of Canada's best comedian of all times. His highly acclaimed comedy show is a comedic performance, that humorously portrays First Nations people, their habits, likes and dislikes.

Acclaimed artist Lewis Lavoie will be performing live art during Don's comedy show. Artwork will be auctioned off at the end of the performance. Proceeds will support AASCF projects.

Organizations can pay fully in time for the early bird rate to reserved registration places.
All named must be provided in full not later than December 15th.

Note: for every ten registered you will receive one free registration

	First Name	Last Name	Email	Session Choice			
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Feel free to add additional delegates as required

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
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 Business Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ FAX: _____
 Email: _____

Dietary Request:

Please indicate your individual session choices here: (i.e. 1B, 2C, 3D)

Session 1 _____ Session 2 _____ Session 3 _____

Early Bird Registration on or before November 30th, 2011

(Registrations received before November 30th, 2011.)

Member	# delegates _____ @ \$ 375.00
Non Member	# delegates _____ @ \$ 450.00

Registration AFTER November 30th, 2011

Member	# delegates _____ @ \$ 425.00
Non Member	# delegates _____ @ \$ 500.00

Day Passes:

Members	Thursday _____ @ \$225.00
Members	Friday _____ @ \$175.00
Non Members	Thursday _____ @ \$300.00
Non Members	Friday _____ @ \$200.00

Additional Lunch tickets # tickets _____ @ \$ 50.00
 (Included play, Tainted by Multi Youth Productions)

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TOTAL Registration fees:

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Mail Registration and Payment to: AASCF, Suite 255, Bonnie Doon Mall, 8330-82 Avenue, Edmonton, AB, T6C 4E3 or Fax: 780.428.3844

Friday January 27- DAY 2

8:00 A.M. - 8:45 A.M. Hot Buffet Breakfast
 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM Keynote Pat Mussieux presents Leadership – The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Session III 9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

- 3 A **Accreditation: Soup to Nuts (without going nuts).**
 Presented by Jo-Anne Frank

 This interactive presentation will cover a four-phase accreditation project plan, which can be tailor built for any organization.
- 3 B **Responding to Family Violence in your Agency: Creating a Safe Environment for your Clients.**
 Presented by Sacha Aldrich

 This workshop will discuss family violence, how it impacts your clients and the importance of developing family violence protocols in your agency.
- 3 C **What Does Research and Practice Say About Mental Health Treatment and Services for Children?**
 Presented by Bjorn Johansson & Arden Jones

 A presentation of two mental health services for children and their overall functioning and progress provides a context for discussion about services for this clientele.
- 3 D **Innovative Practice Solutions within Outcomes Based Service Delivery**
 Presented by Jacqueline Dagneau & Monica Metzler

 The Family Centre's reflection on the process of supporting community and shifting towards "village parenting" under the Outcomes Based Service Delivery model.
- 3 E **Somali Community - Yesterday - Today and Tomorrow**
 Presented by Mana Ali

 This presentation will cover the Somali communities history, past, present and future.
- 3 F **Principles To Practice: Exploring High Fidelity Wraparound**
 Presented by Gord Cummings & Simone Brown

 Learn how the principles of Wraparound compliment the work that you are doing and how individualized care enhances personal practice.
- 3 G **Migrant Routes: Creating Equitable Spaces for Newcomers**
 Presented by Ashima Sumaru

 Immigration is a complex process that affects migrants and Canadians on many levels. We will explore this process and how programs can help promote equity.
- 3 H **Leadership – From the Inside Out!**
 Presented by Pat Mussieux

 "When are 'they' going to fix it? When are 'they' going to notice? These words are spoken, all the time, by frontline and middle managers who have developed the habit of 'looking to the top dog' for all the answers! Here's the shocker, folks – YOU is the 'they' these days! Buckle up – in this session, Pat will provide you with the tools and techniques to take charge and lead the way – up, across and down in your organization!
- 3 I **Working with FASD in an adolescent, residential context.**
 Presented by Lawrence Deck & Tobi Martin

 A framework for professionals aimed at helping adolescents with FASD to develop in the areas of emotional regulation, cognitive functioning, social competency & family functioning.
- 3J **Beyond the Contract: Why Outcomes-Based Performance Management Matters**
 Presented by Steve Butz & Donna Smith

 Learn from a provider and performance management expert why measuring outcomes is not just a funder requirement, it's the key to changing—and even saving—lives.

12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M. **Lunch**

1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M. **Multi Youth Productions presents the play Tainted**
When you press 'send' things may never be the same again...
 Olivia, Jason, Elliot and Maddie learn painful lessons in the serious consequences of their actions, when they digitally share inappropriate messages, pictures, and videos. "Tainted" is an original musical theatre presentation researched, written, and performed by the teens of Multi-Youth Productions that will empower teen audiences to protect their reputation and future through their online actions.



CONFERENCE FAQ's



DELEGATE REGISTRATION

The following is a guide to assist you in getting the most out of this 4th Annual Conference.

Are there advantages for registering early?

The AASCF is pleased to offer an early bird registration fee to assist in cost savings for our member organizations. If you require additional forms please feel free to photocopy your original or use the group registration form or to download others from our website at www.aascf.com

For every ten delegates registered by one organization, they will receive one additional full registration package free.

Early bird registrants will have first opportunity to select the breakout sessions of their choice as space is limited in some sessions.

What's included in my registration?

Full registration includes Breakfast, Lunch and Evening Reception and entertainment on Thursday; Breakfast and Lunch on Friday; Coffee Breaks and access to Sponsor Showcase.

Can my partner attend any of the meal functions?

Yes, of course. We would be pleased to have your partner participate. Please see the registration form for ticket prices.

I can't attend the whole conference. Are there options to participate for one day?

There are day passes for those you wish to participate in a portion of the conference.

Day Passes:

- Members: Thursday \$225.00
Friday \$175.00
- Non-Members: Thursday \$300.00
Friday \$200.00

Please complete the enclosed registration form and be sure to note the registration desk operating hours.

How will I be identified as a conference participant?

All registered delegates will receive a name tag. Your name tag will give you access to all activities throughout the conference. Day passes will be only valid for the day indicated on the badge.

What is the attire for the conference?

Business Casual

Please register early – capacity is limited!

Additional Questions – please contact

Jo-Anne Frank at actnow@actnowab.ca
(587)985-1592

or Rhonda Barraclough at rbarraclough@aascf.com
(780) 428-3660



Information

Date

January 26th and 27th, 2012

Location

The Fantasyland Hotel. All conference sessions will be held in the hotel.

Your Full Registration Package Includes:

- Entrance to all sessions
- Two hot breakfasts
- Two hot lunches
- Sponsor showcase, reception and comedy show

Member Early Bird \$375.00 available until November 30th, 2011	Member Registration \$450.00 for registrations received after November 30th, 2011
Non-Member Early Bird \$450.00 available until November 30th, 2011	Non-Member Registration \$500.00 for registrations received after November 30th, 2011
Group Rates	
For every ten delegates registered by one organization - the 11th delegate will receive a Free registration package.	

Substitution and Refund Option

If after registering you find that you are unable to attend the conference; a substitute participant from your organization may attend at no extra charge. Please submit names for each delegate being registered with their individual session choices. Payments are non-refundable.

Host Hotel Information

The Fantasyland Hotel is located in the heart of the world's largest shopping and entertainment complex, West Edmonton Mall. The hotel features classically decorated rooms with TV, Wi-Fi, hairdryer, voice mail, clock radio and air conditioning. The Fantasyland Hotel has offered the AASCF Conference delegates a special room rate of **\$164.00** plus applicable taxes. Delegates must book their stay by **January 7th, 2012** to ensure this special rate or risk not having a room during this busy time in Edmonton.

For Reservations Call: 1-800-RESERVE (737-3783) or 1-780-444-3000 or email: rooms@fantasylandhotel.com

Fantasyland Hotel
17700 87 Avenue NW
Edmonton, AB T5T 4V4

Be sure to mention the AASCF Conference

Visit their website to learn more about the various hotel features and amenities and to view the property: www.fantasylandhotel.com

**Please note: Rooms are subject to availability.
Please book early to ensure space and conference rates.**

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Jim Pritchard

Jim Pritchard has worked in the public and non-profit sectors for over 30 years. He has held many roles, including front-line, supervisory, and management. He has been involved in many partnerships and change processes. He holds an MSW and is an RSW. He is currently an Executive Manager with Hull Child and Family Services in Calgary, focusing on Operations and Community Services.

Jon Reeves

Jon Reeves is an Executive Manager with Calgary and Area Child and Family Services and he has been responsible for leading the development of the Outcomes Based Service Delivery Initiative in Calgary. He has worked at the regional and provincial levels in understanding the implementation issues and in developing processes to support Outcomes Based Services. He brings a keen interest in the power of data to help us make sense of the work.

Donna Smith

Donna graduated from the University of Alberta with an Honours BA in Psychology and joined the Alta Care Resources team in 2006 as a Crisis Intervention Supervisor. Since then she has served as the Family Intervention Supervisor, supervising front line staff providing Youth Work, Family Aide and Family Support services, and most recently, she serves as the interim Continuous Improvement Coordinator. In the course of her work, she partners with Social Solutions to develop Alta Care's ETO database to meet the standards set by the Canadian Accreditation Council. Her work is focused on improving measurement tools to be able to obtain better outcome measures, and she also daily works with the Leadership team to monitor outcomes and make changes to programming to strengthen programs and improve outcomes for persons served.

Ashima Sumaru

Ashima Sumaru (BA, BEd.) delivers the Migrant Routes program at the Centre for Race and Culture. She has previously worked in the family literacy field, delivering diversity training for practitioners working with parents and young children. Ashima has presented at many conferences, including, the Alberta Early Years Conference 2010 (Beyond Multiculturalism: tools to make family programs more inclusive), the Alberta Family Child Care Association Conference 2011 (Tools and Strategies for Working with Diverse Families in Child Care Settings) and the Cultivating Connections National Family Literacy Conference 2010 (Sharing Power Through Facilitation).

Dr. Brian Zelt

Dr. Brian Zelt is a registered psychologist and Clinical Director at Hull Child and Family Services in Calgary, Alberta. In his current role as Clinical Director, Dr. Zelt is responsible for supporting the clinical operations of several residential treatment and stabilization programs for adolescents and their families at Hull as well as a fee-for-service outpatient program known as Hull Psychological Services. Dr. Zelt received his Ph.D. in 2001 from the University of Calgary in Educational Psychology with a focus on adolescents, attachment theory, and counselling psychology. Dr. Zelt also operates a small private practice in Southwest Calgary and is an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Education at the University of Calgary.



Please forgive any errors or omissions

STRENGTHENING TODAY, *Building Tomorrow*



Keynote Speaker and Entertainer

Don Burnstick

Don Burnstick is a Cree from the Alexander First Nation located outside of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. The youngest of 15 children, coupled with the fact of growing up on the reserve, taught Don a variety of means of defending himself, not the least of which became his use of humour.

Don's young life was very violent. "I lived on the streets of Edmonton as an alcoholic and drug addict. In 1985, when I sobered up at 21, there were not too many 21 year old males that were alcohol and drug free so I just started asking to go and tell my story."

Burnstick obtained post secondary training at the University of San Diego in holistic urban youth development. He also has obtained certification as an Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor and graduated from the Native Trainers Development program at the Nechi Institute in Edmonton.

Don has now been involved within the healing/personal wellness movement for the past 20 years and has utilized humour and performance to provide a holistic approach to healing. His message speaks to a proud heritage, the importance of healing through humor and his continuing desire to leave a better world for our future generations. Don wrote and individually performs the play "I Am Alcohol - Healing the Wounded Warrior". In this play, without preaching or moralizing, Don presents a gripping dramatization of the addictive power of alcohol and drugs, and the connections to other destructive forces that have plagued the Aboriginal community.

In addition to his healing work, Don has established himself as one of Canada's best comedian of all times. His highly acclaimed comedy show "You Might be a Redskin - Healing Through Native Humour", is a comedic performance, that humorously portrays First Nations people, their habits, likes and dislikes.

Lewis Lavoie

Live Art Performance by Lewis Lavoie during Myles Himmelreich and Don Burnstick's keynote addresses.

Lavoie is a visual artist from St. Albert and is a renowned children's illustrator. He has gained international attention for his live performance art creations which he has showcased in front of crowds of thousands. He has been commissioned to paint for Queen Elizabeth II, Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Premier Ralph Klein and the lieutenant Governor General Normie Kwong. Lavoie has also been commissioned by such personalities as Dan Aykroyd and Mike Myers. Lavoie through his works has helped raise over half a million dollars for various organizations throughout Canada and the US. Paintings will be auctioned off at the end of each event.



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Keynote Speakers



Myles Himmelreich

Myles Himmelreich discusses his journey in life living with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). He shares his life story with courage so that others may learn from his experiences that have brought him to his current personal and professional successes. Myles is a Mentor for other individuals living with FASD with the McMan Kalidescope program and is an active member of the Calgary FASD community and partnerships. His powerful lectures give us realities and possibilities but most of all, hope for the future for those individuals and families living with FASD.



Pat Mussieux

Pat Mussieux is fast becoming the voice of success for women entrepreneurs in Canada. As a coach, speaker, author and radio host, Pat works with clients to help them develop the mindset skills for success, the marketing techniques for attracting ideal clients and the money tips for financial freedom. With a background in Human Resources and Training and Development, Pat has worked with a variety of public sector, private sector and non-profit organizations around North America – teaching them the personal and professional leadership skills that it takes to survive and thrive in the changing work environment. As a former Board Member for the Alzheimer Society of Edmonton, of Alberta AND of Canada,

as well as a Board Member for the Alberta Call Center Association, and Cabinet Member for the United Way of Edmonton – Pat has a clear sense of the issues facing managers and leaders in these times of change and challenge. Pat has been nominated for the 2010 and 2011 Canadian Woman Entrepreneur of the Year award; as well, she has been nominated for Chatelaine Magazine “Woman of the Year 2011”. She is a proud step-Mom to 2 fabulous young professionals – and the very enthusiastic grandmother to 3!

Multi Youth Productions

Multi Youth Productions is a semi-professional youth acting troupe based out of Stony Plain, Alberta. They research, write, choreograph and perform all of their own productions and campaign for social change. Multi Youth Productions will be performing their play *Tainted* at 1:00 PM on Friday in the Main Ballroom.



CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Arden Jones

Arden Jones, B.HSc. is in pursuit of her master's in community health science-epidemiology at the University of Calgary. Her research and publishing has focused on depression literacy. She is also a Data Analyst for Wood's Homes, and a research assistant at the University of Calgary.

Dr. Doug Lee

Presenter Dr. Douglas Lee has more than three decades experience working with individuals with brain injuries and learning disabilities. Behavioral Solutions offers training, supports and consultation services to families, schools and institutions to deal with and aide individuals to achieve and have enjoyable lives.

Bruce MacLaurin

Bruce MacLaurin is an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Social Work, University of Calgary and a Researcher at Wood's Home. He is currently the Co-Investigator on the third cycle of the Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect (CIS-2008), as well as the Principal Investigator for provincial studies in BC, Alberta and Saskatchewan. His research and publishing has focused on street- involved youth and homelessness, child welfare service delivery, foster care outcomes and child maltreatment. He has more than 15 years of front-line and management experience in non-profit children's services in Alberta and Ontario.

Tobi Martin

Tobi received her Master of Science in Marital and Family Therapy in 2006 from Loma Linda University (Canadian Campus). She has been working at Wood's Homes since 2005 in several positions including in-home support. She was the clinician of the Exceptional Needs Program for just over 4 years before transferring to the Catalyst Program in June 2011. Tobi is also a Registered Psychologist with the College of Alberta Psychologists.

Monica Metzler

Monica Metzler holds a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Victoria and has worked extensively with youth. Her career path began 16 years ago in an eight bed group home, leading to working in an alternative school program, supporting youth in a remand centre, family intervention and engaging street involved youth with a focus on sexual exploitation.

Shawn O'Grady

Shawn O'Grady has worked at Hull Child and Family Services for 13 years. During that time he has worked in a combination of front-line and management positions. Shawn is a certified crisis intervention instructor and is currently becoming certified in the Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics (NMT) with Dr. Bruce Perry and the Child Trauma Academy. He holds an MSW and is an RSW.

Shauna Parks

Shauna Parks is a former youth in care who grew up in the care of Calgary and Area Child and Family Services. She obtained her Child and Youth Care Counseling Diploma in 2003, a Bachelor of Social Work Degree in 2006, and will be graduating in November 2011 with a Master of Social Work Degree from the University of Calgary. Shauna is currently working at Enviros, a non profit organization serving children, youth, and families, as the Manager of Community Programs. She has delivered a number of workshops on youth in care issues throughout her 10 years as a social worker. Shauna is passionate about advocacy and issues related to youth in care. She is the proud mom of a 15 month old boy – Caleb.

Line Marie Perron

Line Marie Perron has over 25 years of facilitation and speaking experience. She is the Executive Director for Early Childhood Development Support Services and has recently taken on the position of Community Development and Mobilization Manager for the Early Child Development Mapping Project with the University.

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Maureen Gross

Maureen Gross, Team Leader and Facilitator in the Intercultural Education Program, Immigration and Settlement Service at Catholic Social Services, designs and facilitates workshops and delivers presentations on topics including intercultural awareness, building intercultural communication competencies, diversity training, parenting in 2 cultures, and immigration and settlement issues. Working in the field of adult education in a wide range of cross-cultural settings, for over 30 years, Maureen has a proven track record in delivering a variety of quality training for adults. The evaluations from her training sessions consistently note Maureen's skill as a facilitator along with her enthusiasm, good humour and her ability to create a relaxed, inviting learning environment.

Ray Hoffarth

Ray Hoffarth is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) and has been the Program Manager for Behavioral Solutions Inc. in Lethbridge for the last 10 years. He has extensive work providing in-home behavioral services to children of all ages who have developmental disabilities. This has included several children with a dual diagnoses of FASD and Autism. His role is to provide staff and parent training and support, consultation to parents and schools as well as overseeing all aspects of service delivery. Ray has a keen interest in neuroscience related to developmental disabilities assisting us in bridging brain and behavior research.

Robert Hopkins

Robert Hopkins, is a Senior Manager with the Program, Legislation and Policy Support Branch within the Alberta Ministry of Children and Youth Services. Robert has worked as a social worker for 23 years and his career has covered a range of positions from frontline worker to management. He has also worked in a variety of program areas including income support, developmental services for children and adults, neglected adults, youth corrections and all areas within the child intervention program from assessment to foster care and adoption. Robert has had the experience of working in three jurisdictions within Canada including rural and urban settings in Newfoundland, the Northwest Territories and Alberta. In the Northwest Territories, Robert experienced working in a remote aboriginal community as the only social worker providing all services in all programs as well as working at the territorial level as Manager and Deputy Director of Child and Family Services. Since moving to Alberta, Robert has worked at the Ministry level and has been involved with managing intervention services, placement resources, protection of sexually exploited children and adoption services as well as involvement in the development of the new Intervention Services Information System.

Donna Jamieson

Donna has been working in the field of Child and Youth Care since 1981. She became a certified Child and Youth Care Counselor in 1984, and was a Registered Psychologist from 1981 to 2007. Donna is currently the chair of the Grant MacEwan College Child and Youth Care Program at MacEwan College. Prior to coming to MacEwan, she headed the Yellowhead Family Support Program, an in-home, community-based program that employed Child and Youth Care Counselors to provide support, education and counselling to families in need. She was part of this program, which developed and provided services for children, youth and families for over twenty years. Before this, she worked at Yellowhead Youth Centre, in various school systems and at Alberta Hospital. Donna continues to provide workshops and training for community agencies.

Bjorn Johansson

Bjorn Johansson, MSW, RSW, is one of the Program Directors of Wood's Homes. He began his career at Wood's Homes in 1992 working on the Community Resource Team. For the past 16 years he has managed a variety of the Residential Programs on both the Parkdale and Bowness campuses and residential programs in the community. Bjorn currently oversees all of the Youth in Transition Services, the Wheatland Regional Program and Children's Village School, and the William Taylor and George Wood Learning Centres. Bjorn also oversees the Wood's Homes Research department. Bjorn has particular interest in supervision, residential care, and complex youth.

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Session presenter BIO's in alphabetical order

Mana Ali

Mana has over 16 years experience in delivering counselling services to individuals, families and community-based groups. She has worked specifically over the past 8 years in designing, implementing and coordinating programs for newcomers.

Sacha Aldrich

Sacha Aldrich, MA, is the with Coordinator Community Initiatives Against Family Violence (CIAFV) and has been involved with CIAFV since 2003. CIAFV is committed to strengthening our community's capacity to take constructive action against family violence and bullying using innovative strategies that will support the creation of a collaborative, coordinated, community response to family violence and bullying in the Edmonton area. CIAFV activities include monthly meetings addressing family violence, family violence related training events, development of family violence protocols/guidelines for agency staff, committees to address family violence issues and concerns, an email distribution list to inform members of upcoming training and resources, website, coordination of community family violence initiatives and efforts to streamline services and reduce duplication. CIAFV believes that when agencies work together to streamline services, reduce duplication and collaborate with each other with a common vision and understanding of family violence and bullying; victims, offenders and families receive appropriate, timely, and effective support thereby, preventing future incidents of family violence.

Heather Bergh

Heather received her Master's Degree in Creative Arts Therapies at Concordia University, Montreal, in 2007, and is a Canadian Certified Counsellor. She has been working at Wood's Homes for the past 4 years as a crisis counsellor, team leader, and currently as the clinician at a residential treatment program.

Tracy Bridges

Tracy has a diploma in Early Childhood Development (ECD) and currently working toward her Human Services Degree. She has worked with children, families and practitioners for over 20 years. Tracy is the Regional Training Coordinator for ECD Support Services Ltd in Edmonton Alberta. Her role includes training, training development and program support. Tracy's love of laughter and people fuel her passion for the enhancement of positive lives for children and families.

Joni Brodziak

Joni has been an employee of Children and Youth Services for the past 18 years. She began her career in core Child Protection as an Investigator, however, moved to other functions as well including case management and adoptions and supervised a diversified Child Protection unit that was responsible for all services from intake to foster care and permanency. Throughout her career Joni has managed a variety of Regional programs in rural Alberta including Adoptions and Permanency Planning, Family Supports for Children with Disabilities, Child Care Services, Family Group Conferencing, Quality Assurance, Early Childhood Development and Home visitation contracts. Joni has been seconded since 2008 from North Central Alberta Region 7 Child and Family Services Authority into the role of Executive Lead, Outcomes Based Service Delivery.

Simone Brown

Simone has been supporting youth and families for 23 years in various positions. She has been facilitating, coaching and training High Fidelity Wraparound since 2007. She is credentialed in all areas and continues to support the initiative through the Operations team of the High Fidelity Collaborative.

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Steve Butz

Steve Butz is the Executive Chairman and Founder of Social Solutions. Steve founded Social Solutions in July of 2000, and since then has worked with thousands of nonprofit organizations in an effort to focus their endeavors on managing organizational performance. Steve also currently serves as Founder and Chairman of the Board for the Superstar Foundation, an organization that "seeks to pay great social service professionals great pay for great work." Steve graduated magna cum laude from Loyola College of Baltimore, with a degree in Theology. Immediately upon graduating, Steve began work as an instructor at an adult literacy center and later at another employment program in Baltimore where he first realized the need for better understanding about whether his services were actually having an impact on his students. He devised a solution—and built a database for tracking student outcomes. This led to the founding of Social Solutions and the development of Efforts to Outcomes (ETO™) software, the solution produced by Social Solutions today for tracking service delivery in an outcomes-focused model.

Gord Cummings

Gord Cummings practiced High Fidelity WrapAround with Calgary's at-risk youth population involved in Children's Services as a credentialed facilitator. Gord recently moved on to supervise a wraparound program at EnviroWilderness Schools where he is a credentialed coach of the wraparound model.

Jacqueline Dagneau

Jacqueline Dagneau holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Simon Fraser University in addition to a Master's of Science in Social Work from the University of Southampton, UK. Her career path began 10 years ago in a specialized contract placement home. She continued working in the group care setting for six years before moving on to family work. She has been involved at The Family Centre in the Family Intervention program for 4 years.

Lawrence Deck

Lawrence is a Registered Psychologist with the College of Alberta Psychologists. He graduated with a Master of Science in Counseling in 2004 from California State University, Fresno. He has been working at Wood's Homes since 2005 in a number of capacities, as the Clinician for the Catalyst for 5 years and now most recently as the Clinician for the Stabilization Program where he has been since June 2011. Lawrence is the trainer for the organizations Aggression Replacement Training (ART) program, and is very interested in assessment, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, as well as trauma's affect on the brain. In his past life, he was a professional football player who was fortunate to be a part of the Calgary Stampeder's 2001 Grey Cup team.

Lynne Downey

Lynne Downey MSW, RSW has over 30 years experience as a social worker and therapist and enjoys working with individuals, families and groups. She values the learning and awareness that comes from using Experiential Education and enjoys watching others get excited about the concepts.

Dennis Eisenbarth

Dennis has a Master of Science degree in Adult Education and has worked as a Trainer and Training Consultant for the past 20 years. As a trainer, he enjoys managing the creative applications of change concepts in a variety of learning situations. He uses the dynamics of change in his training style and in his personal life. His focus is on the "training bottom line" which means affecting lasting change through training. Dennis loves the business of training. He says that the best part is helping others to learn things that can dramatically impact their lives. Dennis enjoys bringing fun into training, and says that training should never be boring. He always encourages an active and dynamic training environment. Dennis works for Family Services of Central Alberta in Red Deer, and is a regular part-time instructor with Continuing Education at Red Deer College. Dennis facilitates courses in many communities and with many businesses throughout Alberta. Dennis lives in Sylvan Lake, Alberta.

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Kelly Falardo

Those who have worked with Kelly all say that Kelly doesn't let fear stop her – when she wants to achieve something, she just does. They also say that the fact that Kelly is a burn survivor since she was two-years old is so motivating because she does not let circumstances dictate her success. In fact, she was selected out of 1500 women to compete in a model search competition and won the People's Choice award. She is a sought-after international speaker because of her ability to engage others and see how a bad situation can become a great one. She is also the author of No Risk No Rewards and is finishing her second book 'Self Esteem Doesn't Come in a Bottle.' Kelly has been featured on television, radio and various magazines and won the Fierce Woman of the Year award from the Mom Magazine and was featured on the cover of Be Fabulous. For more information about Kelly check out her website at: www.mykellyf.com

Mary Fiakpui

Mary has worked for Catholic Social Services, Immigration and Settlement Service for over 17 years during which time she has held many positions including among many others: Cross- Cultural Family Counselor, Team Leader, and Program Manager. Mary has also worked as a Case Manager with Alberta Child and Family Services, Region 6. Mary has presented at many conferences and facilitated many parenting workshops including the "Parenting After Separation Workshop" a mandatory workshop for parents going through separation and/or divorce.

Janet Fox

Janet Fox is from the Onion Lake Cree Nation in Saskatchewan. She has been a life skills coach for 15 years. Janet developed and delivered the Wicisowin Life Skills Program in Onion Lake. She also initiated the Teepee Teachings (Character Education) that is now used as a curriculum in the school system on the Onion Lake First Nation. Her passion is to share the teachings to other people and has presented workshops to many First Nation communities in B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Some of the clients have been the Alberta Gaming Commission, ATCO, Aboriginal Child and Family Services, Government Child & Family Services, Schools, Cultural Camps and Youth Corrections, Awasis, Knowing Our Spirit, FSIN Wellness & Early Childhood, NNADAP and the Creating Hope Society Conference. She was awarded a Master Facilitator from the Virtues Project™ for her work involving the Teepee Teachings concept. Janet Fox is also the recipient of the 2010 Saskatchewan First Nations Awards in Education. She presented at the International Foster Care Organization 2011 Conference in July which was held in Victoria, BC.

Jo-Anne Frank

Jo-Anne founder of ACT Now AB Ltd. has a passion for helping others achieve their mission. Whether it is personal or organizational she sees the value in strategically planning for greatness. Having passion for our cause, knowing our world-class strengths and our world-class weaknesses along with knowing what moves our bottom line will take us from Good to Great says world-class leader and author, Jim Collins. Jo-Anne believes it. After several years as an operations director in a human service agency and having led two successful accreditation projects she realized her management skills, experience and passion for the social sector would be of great benefit to others. She is committed to purposeful work, helping others achieve their mission by building capacity is her way of giving to the greater good. For more information about ACT Now go to www.actnowab.ca

Susan Gardiner

Susan Gardiner is a Director at Woods Homes and responsible for the development of Outcome Based Services in their Calgary and Lethbridge Sites. Over the past two years, she has been interested in learning from the current evidence in applying theory and results to practice. She is a registered psychologist with over 20 years of experience in program development and leadership in services for families with child welfare involvement, domestic violence and community crisis.