

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY

8:30-9:30 Registration

9:30-11:30 Keynote Address

“Raising Resilient Children”

11:30-12:30 Lunch

1:00-3:30 Workshop

“Everyone’s A Leader”

OR

“Regulatory Healing”

3:30-4:30 FPA Meeting

6:00-8:00 Workshop

“Discipline and the Exception Child”

THURSDAY

8:30-9:30 Registration

9:30-11:30 Keynote Address

“Biological-Child Consideration”

11:30-12:30 Lunch

1:00-3:30 Workshop

“Legal Presentation”

OR

“Healthy Families”

*Please PRE-REGISTER
by calling*

BEATRICE

*at the Huron-Perth
Children’s Aid Society –
Stratford Location*

**(519) 271-5290
ext. 2221**

*Please select 1 workshop
to attend on both
Wednesday and
Thursday afternoon*

*20 Spots Reserved for
Outside Professionals
\$30/day*

*The Huron-Perth
Children’s Aid Society
Resource Team
Presents:*



*Spring Training
Conference 2010
“Fostering Growth Towards
Permanency”*

KEYNOTE
Speaker

DICK O'BRIEN

Dick O'Brien, M.A.Sc., is a professional speaker and a consultant in human relations. He has been a therapist and trainer for over 30 years. Mr. O'Brien has assisted many different organizations with issues pertaining to stress, wellness, counselling and leadership. For the past 25 years he has been conducting trainings in wellness, leadership and stress management based on the universal principles of wisdom of the past 5000 years. Dick uses humour, case descriptions and a high degree of enthusiasm to create a worthwhile and practical training seminar.

WEDNESDAY
MAY 5

AND

THURSDAY
MAY 6

KEYNOTE
Speaker

DAN NADON

Dan has an extensive background in working with children and youth. With respect to the CAS, Dan has experience with being a group home parent and treatment foster parent. In addition, he has worked in the Intake, Family Service and Resource Departments as well as Managing Family Services and Training and Development. Dan is currently the Manager of Quality and Assurance and Training at Oxford CAS.

Dan has also held positions with the OACAS as a Provincial trainer, PRIDE Lead/Permanency Lead and the South West Region Training Designate. Dan's wonderful sense of humour and engaging style make him an excellent conference presenter and foster parent trainer.

KEYNOTE
Address

*RAISING RESILIENT
CHILDREN*

This presentation is of interest to anyone who wishes to promote a solid foundation of healthy living. It focuses on developing personal resiliency in our children to prepare them for the inevitable challenges and struggles they will face in their futures.



This presentation encourages children to respond to life by choices, rather than react to life by change. For example: overcoming failure, dealing with disappointment, cultivating a healthy self-image, delaying gratification, dealing with the struggles of life, becoming assertive rather than aggressive and examining their choices.

KEYNOTE *Address*

BIOLOGICAL CHILD CONSIDERATION

No one would argue that the needs of the foster children should not be met, the question is: at what cost. The end result of our well-intentioned focus on the needs of foster children is that we have continued to overlook the needs of another group of children, the Children of Foster Parents.



WORKSHOPS

EVERYONE IS A LEADER

Dick O'Brien

Wednesday 1:00-3:30

*"Everyone who influences the life of
another person is a leader."*

It is Dick O'Brien's belief that the first principle of personal leadership is that one must be able to lead 'thyselF'. This workshop will allow us to lead our own lives in a healthy, successful and effective manner in order to allow us to impact the lives of others in positive and encouraging ways.



WORKSHOPS

REGULATORY HEALING

Huron-Perth Centre

Wednesday 1:00-3:30

The enlightened caregiver is able to maintain a sense of calm, regulated, empathic understanding of even the most incomprehensible action on the part of the child. Val and Louise will present the most recent research on what strategies have been shown to contribute to the effective management and healing of these challenged children.

VAL MILLSON is a RSW with a particular interest in trauma, attachment and emotional regulation. She is currently practicing at a Children's Mental Health Clinic and in a program that offers services for abused women.

LOUISE TAMBLYN has varied experience in providing individual, group and family counselling to children and adults. She has particular interest and training in trauma, attachment and emotional regulation.

WORKSHOPS

DISCIPLINE AND THE EXCEPTIONAL CHILD

Lindsay Moire

Wednesday 6:00-8:00

Suspension, expulsion and exclusion are issues that often affect the adopted and fostered children that we work with. In the last year, very significant changes have been made in educational legislation, which have had a very positive impact on the education of special needs students. This highly interactive workshop will provide you with clear information on these changes so that you can effectively advocate for both typical and exceptional pupils.



WORKSHOPS

THE PROCESS OF PERMANENCY

Janet King

Thursday 1:00-3:30

Legal Counsel will present information related to the importance of permanency as it relates to the legal process. What is the role of foster parents in the court process? What is legal custody? When can a foster parent seek legal custody of a child in care? Why would you choose to do so? Please come prepared to learn important information regarding the rights of foster parents and the permanency options that they may be able to provide.

WORKSHOPS

HEALTHY FAMILIES

Dan Nadon

Thursday 1:00-3:30

Dan Nadon will facilitate a practical discussion on strategies to maintain a “healthy family” while providing support and care to children at risk. The balancing act of meeting the needs of foster children and those of the biological child within the family system will be discussed. The group will develop strategies to help them “keep it all together” and maintain their enthusiasm towards fostering.

