

MINISTER'S FORUM ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Thursday, May 8, 2014
8 AM to 4:30 PM

University of Calgary's MacEwan Conference and Event Centre
and Via Live Webcast

Breakout Session Descriptions for Minister's Forum on Child Sexual Abuse

The Coordinated Response – Child Advocacy Centres in Alberta – 1 – 2 PM and 2:15 – 3:15 PM - Both sessions are in MacEwan Hall AB - This session will be webcast live in its entirety.

Please join members of the teams from Alberta's Child Advocacy Centres as they take you through journeys of their histories, structures and processes of service provision for those that they are serving. All three Centres share the same goal of working toward a streamlined, less complex, less traumatizing service provision and investigation process and each Centre is unique to its own community.

- Linda Anderson, Manager, Alberta Health Services
- Kelly Campbell, Staff Sergeant, Child Abuse Unit, Calgary Police Service
- Dr. Daniel Garfinkel, Registered Psychologist
- Amanda Latiff, Manager, Calgary & Area Child and Family Services
- Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre - Calgary
- Bob Hassel, Chief Executive Officer, ZEBRA Child Protection Centre Zebra Centre
- Jamie Crozier, Coordinator
- Ellen Archibald, R.C.M. P., Caribou Child and Youth Centre

Impact and Treatment of Child Sexual Abuse – 1 – 2 PM, Cassio A

With years of experience working with children, adolescents and adults who have experienced sexual abuse and sexual assault, this team from the Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton will first discuss how sexual violence impacts children and their families and the best practice treatments offered at the Centre. In the second part of the session, the presenters will discuss continued impacts of childhood sexual abuse into adulthood which because of the silence, secrecy and shame that still exists for survivors of this violence continues to be a reality for so many. The need for specialized and trauma focused therapist that is grounded in best practice research is critical to the provision of ethical and empowering service delivery.

- Monika Penner, Therapist, Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton
- Karen Dushinski, Director of Client Services
- Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton

The Criminal Justice Response – 1 – 2 PM, Cassio B

This session will provide a high-level overview of the criminal justice response to child sexual abuse. It will examine the collaboration among crown, police and service providers, the court process and highlight the experience of the child.

The Rural Response – Including with Aboriginal Communities – 1 – 2 PM and 2:15 – 3:15 PM - Both sessions are in Escalus

Coordinating services to child sexual abuse survivors in Northern, rural, remote and Aboriginal communities requires informal and formal resource identification, ongoing training and consultation and understanding of complex case interventions. Best practice literature says that there is a need for specialized and identifiable service provision for those impacted by sexual abuse and it is also critical that each community is involved in the development of any service provision of this type. These sessions will present models of specialized service delivery and development processes throughout Alberta that have been community driven, research based and impactful for Albertans.

First Breakout Session Speakers

- Judilonne (Judi) Beebe, Social Worker, Association of Communities Against Abuse, Stettler, Alberta
- Tammy Shopland, Assistant Executive Director
- Mereline Griffith, North East Region 7 Sexual Assault Services Supervisor, Lloydminster Sexual Assault and Information Centre
- Jacquie Aitkin-Kish, Executive Director, Providing Assistance, Counselling and Education (P.A.C.E.), Grande Prairie, Alberta

Second Breakout Session Speakers

- Lisa Higgerty, Program Coordinator, Hinton Friendship Centre Society and Mamowichihitowin Community Wellness Program
- Christina Johnson, SARC Coordinator, Sexual Assault Response Committee (SARC), Medicine Hat, Alberta

Best Practice – Child Sexual Abuse Prevention and Education - 1 – 2 PM, Bianca

Dr. Tutty has dedicated her career to research in the domestic and sexual violence fields. Leslie will take participants through her research specific to sexual abuse education programs for children, parents and teachers and what she has learned about best practice in this important field of research and service delivery to communities.

A Culturally Relevant Framework for Engaging Immigrant and Refugee Families – 1 – 2 PM and 2:15 – 3:15 PM - Both sessions are in “That Empty Space”

Child Sexual Abuse is a crime that happens in all communities and all communities continue to struggle with 1) accepting that it is a significant issue and 2) the knowledge of how to deal with it. This results in continued silence, secrecy and shame that is all too often carried by the individuals directly and indirectly affected by these crimes which further results in individuals and families not reaching out for the support and assistance that they need and deserve. Research shows that dealing with sexual abuse is complex and there needs to be whole communities engaged in addressing the issue. Acknowledging the sensitivity of the issue overall and within a cultural and/or religious context is essential for community buy-in and understanding of how this issue impacts not only individuals but families and broader communities and that everyone can play a role in making change. The presenters in these sessions will talk about what is important from a multicultural approach and two models in specific communities (Indo-Canadian and Muslim) will be shared.

- Amandeep Kaur, Chief Operating Officer, Punjabi Community Health Services, Toronto, Ontario
- Sameera Chaudhry, Occupational Therapist and Mental Health Manager, Renfrew Educational Services, Calgary, Alberta
- Danielle M. Aubry, Executive Director, Calgary Communities Against Sexual Abuse

Children with Disabilities and Sexual Abuse – 1 – 2 PM, Ariel

This session will examine the unique risk factors that make children with disabilities more vulnerable to sexual abuse.

Impact and Treatment – Adult Survivor of Childhood Sexual Abuse Treatment – 2:15 – 3:15 PM, Cassio A

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Best Practice – Child Sexual Abuse Prevention and Education, Early Childhood and Elementary School Based Programs – 2:15 – 3:15 PM, Bianca

This session will follow-up from Dr. Tutty's presentation of researched best practices in child sexual abuse education and prevention with two best practice programs; one for service providers working for children in pre-school settings and the second a school based programs for elementary school aged children, their parents and teachers.

- Nikki Bernier, Director of Public Education
- Stephanie Olsen, Public Educator, Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton
- Haley Scott, Education and PACES Program Director, Calgary Communities Against Sexual Abuse

Profile of Offenders – 2:15 – 3:15 PM, Cassio B

This session will shed light on the profile of offenders: who offends, why they offend, and what works to prevent people from re-offending.

Dr. Liam Ennis, Forensic Psychologist, Integrated Threat and Risk Assessment Centre, Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams