



Workshop Training Series, Fall 2017

Helping Youth Experiencing Substance Use and Mental Health Difficulties

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The **Concurrent Disorders Program** aims to increase the capacity of organizations and service providers in Peel to respond to youth with concurrent mental health and substance use concerns. Research has consistently shown that a coordinated and integrated approach to both is important for successful outcomes.



This fall the Concurrent Disorders Program is offering, for the second time this year, a workshop on **motivational interviewing**. This workshop will be similar to the one offered in Spring 2017, so that those who could not attend then can benefit from this training. The motivational interviewing workshop will provide information and hone skill-sets to support the effective recognition of, and engagement with, youth who experience concurrent disorders. This workshop is appropriate for anyone who works with young people in a helping role, including: mental health clinicians, community and school counsellors, crisis workers, public health nurses, probation officers, and child and youth workers.

In addition to this workshop, Peel Children's Centre offers the **First Contact Group** for youth ages 14 to 18 years. This four-week group helps youth increase their awareness of substance use, understand how it impacts them, and develop strategies to begin replacing it with other healthier options. At each youth's request, a fifth session will be offered at the end of the group for parents and supportive others to learn ways to help the youth with their goals. The First Contact Group is provided in partnership with Nexus Youth Services and is free to all participants. For more information or to make a referral to this group, please contact Garth Buckley, Clinical Coordinator, Concurrent Disorders Program at (905) 795-3500 ext. 2200 or gbuckley@peelcc.org.



WORKSHOP

Motivational Interviewing: A tool for behaviour change

Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2017
Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (lunch will be served)
Location: Coptic Centre, Trinity Hall
1245 Eglinton Ave. West (west of Mavis Rd.)
Mississauga, ON
Registration fee: \$40.00
Presenter: Dr. Jim Cullen, Ph.D., RSW

Helping professionals increasingly recognize the benefits of using motivational interviewing (MI), an evidence-based communication style shown to enhance engagement, increase readiness and guide conversations to support health and related change. This knowledge and skills-based workshop provides a foundation in MI, emphasizing the core elements, key skills and strategies that are helpful in addressing a range of topics, such as concurrent disorders, chronic illness and disease prevention. No previous experience in MI is necessary.

Please make cheque payable to: "Peel Children's Centre"
85A Aventura Court, Mississauga, ON L5T 2Y6

Payment in advance is appreciated. Receipts will be available at registration on the day of the workshop.

INFORMATION

For more information about this training series or the Concurrent Disorders Program, please contact:

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PEEL YOUTH CONCURRENT DISORDERS COMMITTEE

With the collaboration and commitment of a variety of youth-serving agencies, we are creating a climate that makes enhanced capacity possible. Thank you to our community colleagues who participate in the Peel Youth Concurrent Disorders Committee:

Associated Youth Services of Peel
Canadian Mental Health Association Peel-
Halton
Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
Ministry of Children and Youth Services –
Youth Justice
Nexus Youth Services
Peel Children's Aid Society
Peel District School Board
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