



BLOSSOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED:



A CONFERENCE FOR GRANDPARENTS PARENTING AGAIN!

APRIL 7TH 2017

GEORGIAN COLLEGE

BARRIE, ON

A full day conference for grandparents raising their grandchildren, kinship caregivers and community support professionals featuring multiple workshops & special guest speakers! More information & registration inside!



The first 100 registrants will receive a free padfolio embossed with the Grandparent System Support Program logo!

EARLY BIRD
SPECIAL!



CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Keynote Speakers



Myles Himmelreich

Realities and Possibilities

Myles Himmelreich is a well-known motivational speaker on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), having presented nationally and internationally for many years, sharing his experiences in living with FASD. In his work as a mentor to other youth and adults with FASD, Myles has helped them to understand and accept that we all share similar struggles and the desire to succeed. As well, working as a consultant, Myles has done a great deal of work with the media. Most recently, Myles was part of a ground-breaking study on the health and physical issues of adults with FASD. Myles' goal is to help others with FASD find their voice and to help society understand that we are greater when we are united and work together.

Lori Gill

Attachment, Trauma, and Integration: Sensory Regulation and Caregiving Approaches to Integrate and Calm The Brain, Mind, and Body

Lori Gill, founder and lead therapist at the Attachment and Trauma Treatment Centre for Healing, is a Registered Psychotherapist, Certified Trauma Specialist (CTS), trainer, Consultant Supervisor for the National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children (TLC), and psychology professor with 15 years of experience working with children, youth, and adults in various settings. Lori holds a Master's degree in Counselling Psychology and is a member of the Ontario Association of Consultants, Counsellors, Psychometrists and Psychotherapists (OACCPP). Her diverse experience in non-profit organizations, employee assistance programs, and in private practice have provided her a wealth of skills in the areas of trauma, attachment, mental health, compassion fatigue prevention, addictions, eating disorders, wellness and education.

Opening Speaker



Ernestine Baldwin

Nookmis (Elder) at the Barrie Native Friendship Centre

Ernestine will open the conference in a traditional way.

CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS



Please rank your top three workshop choices in order of preference for each the morning and afternoon workshops. For example, if Workshop A is your first choice, please write the number 1 next to A. Registration will be entered on a first-come, first-served basis. Sessions may fill up quickly!

Morning Workshops: A) B) C) D)

Afternoon Workshops: E) F) G) H)

Morning Workshops

Kinship and Family Loyalties; It's Complicated **Workshop A**

Facilitated by:

John Fiddes, SW, *Clinical Therapist, Kinark Child and Family Services*

Jackie Vandenberg, CYW, *Grandparents Parenting Again Support Group Facilitator, Ontario Early Years Simcoe North*

It Drives Me Crazy! Dealing with Sensory Processing Challenges **Workshop B**

Facilitated by:

Lyndsey Stevenato, *Occupational Therapist*

Respite Planning and Options for Funding **Workshop C**

Facilitated by:

Carolyn Harris, *Respite Coordinator, Simcoe Community Services*

Trisha Smit, *BSW*

Everyday Living with FASD/Neuro-Atypical Behaviors, Family Struggles & Successes **Workshop D**

Facilitated by:

Kathryn Reid, *FASD Project Coordinator for the Simcoe County FASD Initiative*

Nicole Armstrong, *Mother of four children diagnosed with FASD*

Afternoon Workshops

Benefits of Support Groups: How to Start and Maintain Groups **Workshop E**

Facilitated by:

Sylvia Gibbons, *Parent Liaison, Permanency & Adoption Competency*

Training (PACT) Program, Adoption Council of Ontario

Enriching Lives. Inclusive Education at the Post-Secondary Level **Workshop F**

Facilitated by:

Emily Downes & Lindsey Poole, *Social Service Worker Students at Georgian College*

Mediating Children's Parenting Plans **Workshop G**

Facilitated by:

Cindy Hillard & Lisa Me, *The Mediation Centre of Simcoe County*

Addiction Myths vs. Facts **Workshop H**

Facilitated by:

Heidi Dutton, *BA, RSSW*

Jan Aikins, *Umbrellas Worker*

