



FASD Training: Key Workers, Supervisors and staff from Delegated Aboriginal Agencies

Speakers

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Marsha Wilson, Instructor, Douglas College

Marsha has been working in the field of disabilities for over 35 years and has focussed specifically on FASD for the past 25 years. She has a background in Early Childhood Education and has worked across the life span with infants, children, youth and adults with various disabilities. Marsha holds an ECE Honours Diploma, a TESL Certificate and a Master's Degree in Leadership. A mom of an adult son with FASD, Marsha brings her lived experience and her "mother's heart" to all of the work that she does.

Cheryl McIntee, CPCA-RPC, MPCC

Cheryl is a Clinical Counsellor and CDBC/FASD Key Worker at Touchstone Family Association, and has a part-time private practice. For the past 21 years, Cheryl has continued to compassionately support individuals, and families, to recognize and tap into their potential.

Allison Pooley, MAL, Bed

Allison is the Executive Director of the Asante Centre, carrying almost 15 years of experience in supporting individuals and families with neurodevelopmental disabilities. A certified teacher, Allison has benefitted from working in public as well as early childhood and adult education in Northern BC as well as the Lower Mainland. She has collaborated on initiatives addressing neurodevelopmental disabilities within family services, criminal justice, employment, and health systems. Allison also brings a passion for cross-sector collaboration, values-based leadership, and sustainable social programming to her role. She is committed to integrating trauma-informed best practices, cultural responsiveness, and expertise of individuals with neurodevelopmental disabilities more deeply throughout the Centre's activities.

KAIROS Canada is a joint venture ecumenical program administered by the United Church of Canada. Formed in 2001, Kairos has ten participating member denominations and religious organizations. They work across Canada in the development and delivery of work that is centered on ecological justice and human rights. KAIROS has a distinct area of work committed to building and supporting a new relationship with Indigenous peoples in Canada and around the globe based on mutual respect, equity and the full realization of Indigenous peoples' rights.

Dave Seaweed, Aboriginal Coordinator

Dave is a member of the Kwakiutl First Nation. He has been the Aboriginal Coordinator at Douglas College for over 15 years, dealing with 400 plus, Aboriginal students every year. His role requires him to provide all of the services in the College as a liaison for his students and to provide cultural awareness to the College and community. Dave delivers guest lectures in Psychology, Criminology, Sport Science, Sociology and others most semesters. He has most recently moderated Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) panels in both New Westminster and Coquitlam involving Municipal and Provincial Government members and Community leaders. He was also a panelist at the Coquitlam Cultural Summit and the TRC Cities and Citizens Public Forum.

Dan McDonald, Plan Institute

Since retiring from the Faculty of Business at SFU, Dan has been a volunteer with Plan Institute serving as a facilitator for their information workshops on the RDSP. He has a daughter with a disability and with his training as a CPA he immediately recognized the exceptionally generous aspects of the RDSP. He opened one immediately after the plan came into operation in 2008. He says that as he has learned more and more about the RDSP, he has become even more impressed with its generous provisions and overall fairness.

Roxanne Hughes, RSW, MSW

Roxanne has been an FASD Key Worker, with Pacific Community Resources Society (PCRS), for the past 12 years, since the inception of the program in BC. She provides support to families who are parenting youth (ages 12-18) who have FASD or Complex needs (difficulties similar to FASD). In addition to one to one family support, Roxanne also facilitates monthly parent support groups and offers training to a broad range of community partners. Roxanne is involved with the FASD Collaboration Roundtable, which is comprised of professionals from a broad range of community agencies who work collaboratively to identify, advocate and provide training in regards to FASD.

Kim Barthel, Registered Occupational Therapist

Kim Barthel is a world-renowned occupational therapist and teacher, actively supporting multi-disciplinary function and healing in many cultures. A pioneer in reinforcing the importance of relationship in therapy, she is known for blending cutting-edge developments in neuroscience with the art of compassionate inquiry. With 30+ years as an OT, Kim's specialties include Complex Behaviour, Trauma-Informed Practice, Attachment, FASD, Sensory Processing, Autism and Mental Health. To empower personal reflection, she recently co-authored the national best-seller *Conversations with a Rattlesnake* with her friend NHL hockey legend Theo Fleury. Based in Victoria, she's on the road over 300 days a year teaching and learning, every step of the way. Kim's mission is to support the conscious evolution of the human spirit.