

**YJO CONFERENCE 2017**

**19 - 22 SEPTEMBER  
KILLARNEY, ONTARIO  
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Just a reminder that this year's Conference is fast approaching. For those planning to attend, please make sure that you have registered, reserved a room, and have paid this year's Membership Fees.



For members not able to attend, or unable to remain for the AGM on Friday, please ensure that you have designated someone by proxy to represent and vote on behalf of your agency. [Proxy forms and information will be included in the AGM Notice & Agenda package sent by email.]

We encourage you to promote this event with any potential Members you know in your area, as well as with our government and community partners in the youth justice sector.



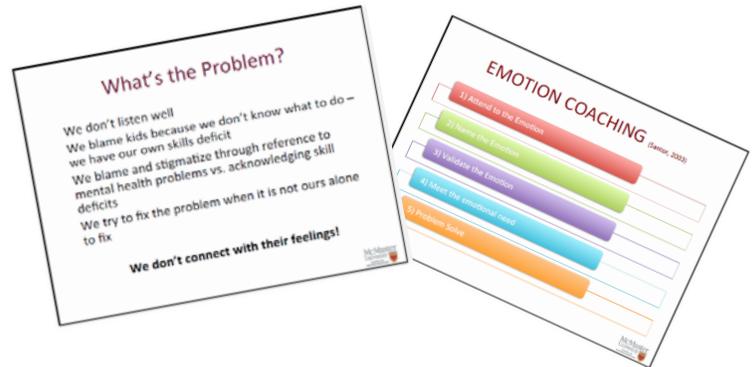
**Zone 3 & 4 Training Workshop:**

**Dr. Sheila Harms: PROBLEMS TO FIX OR FEELINGS TO FACE?**



This workshop on 27 June in Oakville challenged participants to re-conceptualize the connection between youth mental health and the youth justice system. Building on skills that help us make meaningful connections with our youths, Dr. Harms explored the way our beliefs impact on the services we provide, identifying common pitfalls and helping us think about a new focus for strategic intervention. Dr. Harms confronted traditional medical and behavioural approaches to working with multi-problem youths, advocating a more humanistic and neurobiological approach.

Our sincere thanks to Dr. Harms for sharing her experience and expertise. Sheila kept the audience involved, entertained, and riveted for the entire presentation. She humorously mixed broad social themes with practical, face-to-face skill development. The workshop was attended by 80 YJO staff members from across the Province!



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**UPDATE!**

**Powerlifting Binbrook grandma  
Linda Rousseau, 63,  
sets world record in Orlando  
05 July 2017**



*Dawn Patrol CYS's* intrepid Program Coordinator (*Bernhardt Residence*) continues her unique journey in the world of powerlifting. Linda, 63, set a **WORLD RECORD** for the M3 84-kilogram weight category at the North American Regional Powerlifting Championships with a squat lift of 120 kilograms.

For more on Linda's story and her work with young people at *Dawn Patrol*, see her original article in our *Winter 2014 Newsletter*.

service providers in the East Region, as well as representatives from MCYS, CAMH, and *Queen's University* (Dr Nick Bala, who presented on diversion research in the Ontario Youth Justice system).

Participants spent the day comparing the various service models (similarities and differences) across the region, as well as identifying concerns and challenges facing EJM/EJS services, and possible advocacy issues.

Our hope is to pull together a province-wide forum for developing a Community of Practice for EJM/EJS sometime in the Fall. In addition, YJO has hired Melanie Bania to do research on what makes EJM/EJS services effective and successful. Please **STAY TUNED**.

**MEMBER PROFILE #13**



**OUR MISSION**

We are a community agency dedicated to promoting positive change in all persons who are or could be in conflict with the law to realize their potential, contributing to a safer and healthier community.

**OUR VALUES**

Our Values have developed and evolved over the years reflecting the changing and growing role of St. Leonard's in ensuring safe communities. These values include: Dignity, Accountability, Community Collaboration, and Commitment.

**OUR GOALS**

We offer education, community-based support programs and residential centers that:

- Assist persons in conflict or at risk of conflict with the law
- Promote, develop and implement improved policies, procedures and service delivery within the criminal justice system to assist in the prevention of crime
- Promote acceptance of responsibility and accountability by persons in conflict with the law to assist with changing behaviour that contributes to crime
- Promote understanding and education to our communities about their responsibility in both the incidence of crime and in the manner in which society responds to it

**YJO Supports Zone 2 FORUM to develop  
a COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE for EJM/EJS  
Services**

**Kingston, 26 June 2017**



YJO helped sponsor (in conjunction with MCYS East Region Office) a FORUM to explore the development of a *Community of Practice* for EJM/EJS service providers. The forum was pulled together by Shawn Quigley (*Youth Diversion Program Kingston*) and Sue Poldervaart (*RNJ Youth Services*) and attended by EJS/EJM



Dr. Nick Bala



Sue Poldervaart & Shawn Quigley

**OUR HISTORY**

St. Leonard's Community Services (SLCS) has been delivering essential residential and community based services dating back to 1969. Through the course of the Agency's development, SLCS has initiated services to address a number of special needs populations within the justice system. Specialized services supporting the unique needs of youth, persons with developmental disabilities, individuals affected by mental illness, substance use problems and female offenders to name a few. All services at SLCS maintain a focus on prevention, early intervention or primary service in relation to persons at risk of, or involved with, the criminal justice system.

**YOUTH DIVERSION PROGRAMS**

SLCS has been delivering **Extrajudicial Measures (EJM)** and **Extrajudicial Sanctions (EJS)** programs since the implementation of the YCJA. Based in Restorative Justice Practices, these programs offer youth supportive interventions and effective alternatives to formal criminal proceedings. They provide youth with the opportunity to accept responsibility for their actions and play a more active role in the resolution of their offence. **SLCS Youth Justice Committee (YJC) Program** has been operating since 1997. This program brings together trained volunteer community members who meet with young people, their parents/guardians, and victims to address and repair the harm that was caused. SLCS currently has 36 volunteers who dedicate their time to promoting positive change in the youth we serve.

**Attendance Centre Program (ACP)**

The Attendance Centre Program is a non-residential, community based program designed to address the risk and needs presented by young people involved in the Criminal Justice System, by instilling a connection to their community. The Attendance Centre Program opened its doors in March 2006 and has since provided an intensive, highly structured program with a focus on strength's based approaches, building therapeutic relationships, advocacy and youth engagement. The Attendance Centre staff work closely with Probation Services, who are the primary referral source.



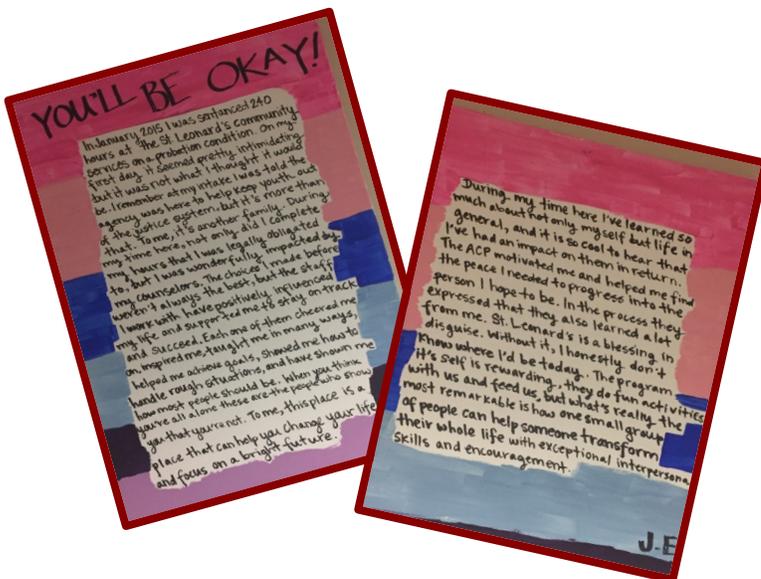
Programming at the Attendance Centre addresses the underlying issues of offending behavior and examines the linkage between criminogenic risk factors and stages of change to help inform our case management plans. We meet the youth where they are at, listening, validating, acknowledging and encouraging them in progression through the stages of change. Programming areas include Anger Management, Substance Awareness, Healthy Lifestyles, Financial Literacy, Life Skills, Employment, Educational programming and Recreation. In February 2017 the ACP launched the SNAP program in partnership with Child Development Institute. The SNAP program ran in group format and successfully completed in June 2017 with 4 youth receiving certification of completion. Since completion the ACP staff have witnessed these youth put their SNAP skills into practice. The goal of the Attendance Centre Program is to emphasize the societal values of respect, responsibility and accountability and assist the youth in viewing themselves as a valuable member of their community.



L to R: Suzana, Karen, Sonja, Erika and Brandon

**Intensive Reintegration Service (IRS)**

The IRS program was developed in 2004 with the purpose of providing supports to youth exiting custodial facilities back into their community. Over the years the program has evolved, but has stayed true to its roots of assisting youth involved in the Criminal Justice System develop community connections and become a valuable participant in their own community. The IRS team works with youth on an individual basis to address their criminogenic risk factors, needs and goal development. Focus is on crisis management, advocacy, role modeling, and mentoring with the intended outcome of reducing recidivism. Within the IRS team we have one staff member dedicated to working with youth suspected or diagnosed with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). **The IRS FASD program** approaches each youth with a holistic viewpoint, using principles from the Relationship Based Perspective to support them in all facets of their life. Further the Neurodevelopment Model of Behaviour Management is utilized to educate the young person on their specific needs to enhance the ability to advocate for oneself. All referrals are received from Probation Services.



Youth completed this piece before exiting the ACP.



YOUTH JUSTICE ONTARIO

## MEMBER AGENCIES 2016/2017

African Canadian Community Services  
Anago (Non) Residential Resources Inc.  
Associated Youth Services of Peel  
Banyan Community Services  
Canadian Mental Health Association (Sudbury/Manitoulin Branch)  
Community Justice Alternatives - Durham  
Crisis Centre North Bay  
Dalhousie Youth Support Services  
Dawn Patrol Child & Youth Services  
Elizabeth Fry Society of Peel  
Fernie Youth Services  
Griffin Centre  
John Howard Society of Peterborough  
Kairos Community Resource Centre  
Kennedy House Youth Services Inc.  
Keystone Child, Youth & Family Services  
Kinark Child and Family Services  
Lutherwood  
Mee-Quam Youth Residence  
Morton Youth Services  
Murray McKinnon Foundation

Native Child and Family Services of Toronto  
Near North Youth Centre  
New Path Youth & Family Services  
North Eastern Ontario FACS  
Northern Youth Services - Sudbury  
Operation Springboard  
Pine Hill Youth Residences Ltd.  
Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents  
Ray of Hope Inc.  
Rebound Child and Youth Services  
Restorative Justice Chatham-Kent  
RNJ Youth Services  
Salvation Army (London)  
Simcoe Muskoka Connexions  
St. Lawrence Youth Association  
St. Leonard's Community Services (London)  
Turning Point Youth Services  
W.J. Stelmaschuk & Associates - Northern Youth Centre  
William W. Creighton Youth Services  
Youth Diversion Program (Kingston)  
Youth Now Canada  
Youth Services Bureau of Ottawa