

Professional Development Series



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In the School of Social Work, we believe that you never stop learning. This year, our Professional Development program is offering five half-day continuing education workshops. All of our workshops are facilitated by highly qualified, knowledgeable instructors with considerable experience in their area of expertise.

Effective Leadership and Adaptation: The Key to Human Service Organizations Surviving in a Market Culture

Friday, October 14, 2016

This workshop will focus on the current market culture in human services and effective skills social work leaders can use to adapt to these complex challenges. There will be an opportunity for you to reflect on the leadership practice and culture in your organizations, and to consider applying these adaptive responses in practice.

Rosemary Vito, MSW, PhD
School of Social Work, King's University College

Mnaasged Service Model: Everyone Working Together for the Children

Friday, November 25, 2016

The model is built on our understanding of the Natural Law and how the Natural Law has been interpreted within Indigenous cultures over countless generations. We believe that the restoration of health for children and families will flow from cultural restoration.

Stan Cloud & Melissa Patriquin
Mnaasged Child and Family Services

Developing a Culturally Relevant Social Work Practice

Friday, February 10, 2017

In this interactive session we will discuss culture from a self-reflective lens; examine how our own cultural context impacts our actions when we deal with differences and discuss strategies to manage these situations to provide more culturally relevant social work services.

Dharshi Lacey- Diversity & Governance Manager
Pillar Nonprofit Network

Gender-Based Violence Across the Life Course

Friday, April 28, 2017

The consequences of violence, co-occurring violent experiences and cumulative life course violence will be discussed. Implications for practice, including innovative approaches to trauma-informed health promotion, will be presented.

Dr. Linda Baker – Learning Director
Centre for Research & Education on Violence Against Women & Children, Western University

Mindfulness and Self Compassion for Social Workers and Allied Professionals

Friday, May 26, 2017

This workshop will explore the concepts of mindfulness and self compassion and how it can help prevent burnout and the effects of chronic stress in the workplace. Through experiential practices and brief guided meditations we will learn how we can develop the skills of mindfulness and self compassion as a way of being more present and relaxed in our work lives.

Rachael Frankford, Social Worker & Psychotherapist
St. Michael's Hospital

All workshops will run from from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
in the King Student Life Centre - Joanne and Peter Kenny Theatre

For more information or to register for these workshops, please visit:
www.kings.uwo.ca/social-work/professional-development/

Continuing Competency

Maintaining and increasing professional knowledge and skills is not simply a good idea, it is a professional responsibility cited in the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice (2000) and the CASW Code of Ethics and Guidelines for Ethical Practice (2005). A commitment to continuing competency is demonstrated by ongoing involvement in professional education.

Benefits of Membership

King's School of Social Work field instructors, OASW members, and students receive significant discounts on our workshops! In addition to discounted rates on all workshops, our field instructors also receive "King's Social Work Dollars" that can be applied towards any of the PD workshops. If you aren't already a field instructor with the School of Social Work at King's and would like to find out more about this opportunity, please contact M.K. Arundel, Coordinator of Field Education, at: 519-433-3491 x4518 or marykay.arundel@kings.uwo.ca

The Social Workers and Social Service Workers Professional Development Fund

The Social Workers and Social Service Workers Professional Development Fund (The Fund) provides funding for educational opportunities to social workers and social service workers who are registered and in good standing with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (the College).

The Fund reimburses eligible costs for professional development (PD) activities that advance the skills, knowledge, practice and service delivery of social workers and social service workers in Ontario.

For more information about the program and to apply, visit the Ontario Association of Social Workers website: <http://www.oasw.org>