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ABI and ADDICTIONS



Program

8:00 a.m. Registration, Breakfast and Exhibits

8:50 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:00 a.m. SESSION 1: ABI and Substance Abuse: Cause, Complications and Consequences
Presenter: Gary Blake, Hamilton Health Sciences ABI Program

Mr. Blake will speak about his role with the Hamilton Health Sciences ABI Program, and his experiences working with individuals with both ABI and substance abuse issues. His presentation will outline how each condition is a cause, complication and consequence of the other, and will offer some recommendations and insights for successful rehabilitation and support.

10:00 a.m. SESSION 2: Acquired Brain Injury: Addiction from a Cultural Perspective
Presenter: Valerie Farmer, Six Nations of the Grand River Territory

A graduate of Mohawk College's Social Service Worker Program, Ms. Farmer is employed as an Addiction Counsellor at New Directions Group at Six Nations of the Grand River. She has worked with many people who suffered an acquired brain injury through a motor vehicle accident or a fight connected to alcohol and/or drugs. Her talk will centre on the mental and emotional aspect of the injury and how a person can reconcile the past and present.

11:00 a.m. Refreshment Break and Exhibits

11:20 a.m. SESSION 3: Acquired Brain Injury in Residential Addiction Treatment
Presenters: Bobby Silva and Regan Anderson, Wayside House of Hamilton

Many addiction providers are not trained to identify or manage the cognitive and behavioural problems that clients with brain injuries present, and some brain injury providers are not trained to identify or manage substance use problems in identified clients. This presentation will provide an understanding of the relationships between brain injury and substance use and explore avenues for improved identification, assessment and treatment for those with both brain injury and substance use issues.

12:20 p.m. Lunch and Exhibits

1:20 p.m. SESSION 4: Addictions from a Public Health Perspective
Presenters: Susan Boyd and Kianosh Keyvani, Hamilton Public Health's Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Services

Hamilton Public Health's Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Services will provide a Public Health perspective on the issues and challenges facing individuals and Public Health authorities in responding to alcohol, drug and gambling addictions. The addiction services provided by Public Health will be outlined.

2:20 p.m. Refreshment Break and Exhibits

2:40 p.m. SESSION 5: A CHOICES Substance Abuse Program for Adults with ABI
Presenter: Dr. Bruce Linder, Clinical Director, Brain Injury Services

Substance abuse problems are common among adults with acquired brain injuries. Brain Injury Services developed a specialized program in 1999 adapted from the international and Canada-wide Correctional Services Program, "CHOICES," designed by Ontario psychologist Dr. Lynn Lightfoot. This presentation will provide an overview of the adapted 30-session, seven-month program and will present results for an initial group of seven ABI clients. Seven-year, follow-up data will also be presented.

4:00 p.m. Closing Remarks

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