EFFECTING MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDES TO PEOPLE WHO ARE DEVALUED & AT RISK OF DEVALUATION

This workshop is co-sponsored by The Southern Ontario Training Group, Durham Association for Family Resources and Support, & Developmental Services Worker Program, Loyalist College

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 16th, 2018 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

at

Durham Association for Family Resources and Support, 850 King St. W, Unit #20, Oshawa ON This event is subsidized through a Strategic Program Investment (SPI) grant.

Presenter:

Susan Thomas, Training Coordinator of the Syracuse University Training Institute for Human Service Planning, Leadership, & Change Agentry, Syracuse, New York, USA. She has a bachelor's and master's from Syracuse University, and worked for 38 years with Dr. Wolf Wolfensberger, founder and director of the Training Institute, until his death. Since then, she has been carrying on Dr. Wolfensberger's teaching and the Training Institute.

Description of the workshop:

Most of the bad things that happen to people who are devalued by others are the result of the negative attitudes that these others hold towards them. After all, people act on the ideas that they hold in their minds. Therefore, if one wants people who are devalued or at risk of devaluation to get the good things of life rather than the bad things, then it is important that attitudes toward them be shaped to be more positive, or less negative.

While there is always much talk about how to improve attitudes towards certain classes of people, there is not necessarily much study of how attitudes are actually formed, and how they can be effectively changed. This workshop attempts to address that problem. It is aimed at people who are serious about wanting to change attitudes for the better towards people who currently are, or at risk of being, devalued by others.

The workshop will outline how attitudes towards people are formed, with special emphasis on the role of imagery and of unconsciousness in the formation of attitudes. Then it will outline a number of strategies that can be employed to make attitudes towards a class of people more positive, or at least less negative. There is overlap between these strategies and the content of Social Role Valorization (SRV), so people who are familiar with SRV will find much of the content of this workshop familiar, though not all of it. However, the material will be interpreted somewhat differently than it is in SRV teaching, and in any case, hearing familiar content in a new way may enable someone to think about and apply it differently.

Format of the workshop:

The workshop will be presented in lecture style, with extensive use of overhead transparencies and some slides. There will be time for questions and discussion at a few points during the presentation, and especially at the end.

Tuition:

The tuition is \$50.00 for one workshop or \$80 for both workshops (Nov. 16 & 17). Cost for family members and students is \$15 for one workshop, or \$25 for both. Tuition includes handouts, lunch and refreshments.

Cancellation:

75% of fees will be returned with cancellation up to 7 days prior to the workshop. There will be no refund if less than 7 days notification.

Send registration form(s) and payment to: Southern Ontario Training Group c/o Alicia Munshaw, 850 King St. W, Unit #20, Oshawa ON L1J 8N5. Note: If registering as a group, please complete one registration form for each person and send the forms together.

For more information: Please contact Alicia Munshaw, <u>905-436-2500 Ext 2304</u> or email: <u>amunshaw@dafrs.com</u>, or Erica Baker-Tinsley <u>ebakertinsley@gmail.com</u>

REGISTRATION FORM FOR

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AND/OR

DILEMMAS OF SERVING FOR PAY UPON PEOPLE IN NEED Saturday November 17th, 2018 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m to be held at Durham Association for Family Resources & Support

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Name: ___ Relationship to vulnerable people: (Family member, friend, unpaid supporter, paid supporter, board member, funder, policy maker, other _____) Organization (if applicable): Address: _____ Telephone: _____ Work #: Please check which course(s) you are registering for and which fee applies to you: Effecting More Positive Attitudes To People Who are Devalued: \$50.____ Family Member or Student: \$15. _____ OR Dilemmas of Serving For Pay Upon People in Need: \$50._____ \$15._____ Family Member or Student: \$80.____ OR Both of the above courses: Family Member of Student: \$25. Please make cheque payable to Southern Ontario Training Group and mail to Alicia Munshaw, 850 King St. W, Unit #20, Oshawa ON L1J 8N5 Are you willing to have the above contact information distributed to other course participants? Please check "yes" □ "no"

Please let us know if you require any accessibility accommodations or have any dietary restrictions, food allergies or requests for vegetarian meals.

We kindly ask that you respect our Fragrance Free Workplace Policy. Thank you.