

*The St. John's Housing and Homelessness Network
and
The FASD committee of St. John's and Surrounding Area
present*

**Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)
Supports and Services:
The Need for Collaborative Action in Newfoundland and Labrador**

Conference Agenda – Day 1 – October 23, 2008

- 9:00 Welcome: Sheldon Pollett, Co-Chair, SJHHN
Cheryl Coleman, FASD Committee
- Conference Facilitator: Bobbie Boland
- 9:15 Living with FASD - An Individual Experience Denise Morris
- 9:30 Keynote Address - Honourable Claudette Bradshaw, P.C.
First federal Cabinet Minister responsible for Homelessness
- 10:30 Nutrition Break
- 11:00 **Panel Presentation #1 : The NL Scene : What's the Buzz – tell me what's
Happening? The Health Perspective.**
- Cathy Wheeler, Mental Health & Addictions, Western Health & Labrador
Lisa Inder, Developmental & Behavioural Practitioner, Eastern Health
Dr. Ted Rosales, Pediatrician
TBA, Health & Community Services
- 12:00 **Panel Presentation #2: The NL Scene: What's the Buzz – tell me what's
happening? The Justice Perspective**
- Peter Ralph: Mental Health Court
Susan Melendy Stark: Clarenville Correctional Centre for Women
Iris Bussey: Corrections Services Canada
- 12:45 Lunch Break
Musical Performance: The Inclusion Choir
- 2:00 **Panel Presentation #3: The NL Scene: What's the Buzz – tell me what's
happening? Community Programs and Services**
- Dave Martin: Department of Education
Cheryl Coleman: Choices for Youth
Karen Pennell: Stella Burry Community Services
TBA: Human Resources Labour & Employment
- 3:00 Nutrition Break
- 3:15 **Summary and Big Picture Gender Lens** Bobbie Boland
- 4:00 Conclusion

Conference Agenda – Day 2 – October 24, 2008

- 9:00 Introduction to Day 2 - Agenda and Overview of key themes
- 9:10 **Getting very real: Mothering children with FASD**
Diane Janes and Mary Poulain
- 10:10 Introduction to Small working groups
- 10:30 Nutrition Break
- 11:00 **Dream a Little Dream for Me:** 30 minutes to “Dream a Dream” about responsive, effective, caring services and supports. What would make sense for youth and young adults?
- Knowing what we now do about the “FASD Scene” about individuals with FASD, their needs and how they are currently met... What is our dream about the kinds of services, responses etc for youth and young adults? In terms of :
- Housing & Supportive Services
 - Educational Opportunities
 - Responses from the Justice System
 - Responses and Services from Health Care
 - Prevention for youth who may be FASD affected themselves
- 12:00 **Building the Dream: What do we want to see?** Key Highlights
- 12:30 Lunch Break
- 1:30 Highlight Review
- How do we get from “What exists” to “Realizing our Dreams”?**
Small Group Sessions
- We have talked about what exists; we have dreamed about what might be – now we need to define next steps. How to we make our way to the dream... be very practical and start where things are now. . .
1. What needs to happen from a housing and supportive services perspective? St. John’s Metro? Regions?
 2. What needs to happen from a service delivery perspective: HCS/EH/CYFS?
 3. What needs to happen from a justice perspective – courts? Prisons? Programs?
 4. What needs to happen from an Education/ employment development perspective?
 5. What needs to happen from a Youth prevention perspective?
- 2:00 **The Work Plan Unveiled:** Groups share their recommendations
- 3:00 Break
- 3:20 **Next Steps**
- 4:00 Conference Evaluation Conclusion