



ALL FOSTER FAMILIES MATTER



Silent Auction

50/50
DRAW

Keynote
Speaker

SCAVENGER HUNT "NEW"

HOSPITALITY
ENTERTAINMENT

WORKSHOPS

ADVOCACY
TRAINING

9th Annual LOFF Conference & AGM May 3rd to 6th, 2018

Nottawasaga Inn Resort & Conference Centre, Alliston, ON

KEYNOTE



Ron Kanutski is a man of many hats: Instructor/Trainer, Conference MC, Mental Health and Addictions Counsellor, Group Facilitator, Pow-Wow MC, Stand-up Comedian, and Musician. He is the sole proprietor of With Care Consulting and works diligently throughout Canada and the USA to wherever he is called.

Ron is of Ojibway and Cree roots and is from the Bear Clan. He is a member of the Red Rock Indian Band (Lake Helen 1st Nation). As a family man, married for 20 years and with his wife's support and dedication, he has assisted in raising, to date, 23 children in some capacity in their home. He continues to promote an alcohol and drug free lifestyle which he has been living for close to 3 decades.

Ron has been and continues to be invested and actively involved in provincial & local alcohol & drug treatment centres, group residential homes, mental health centres, schools, hospital psychiatric unit, jails, custody and probation programs. In addition to this he works extensively with the CWDT in Ontario assisting communities with Opiate Drug Abuse Strategies.

* Roots to Wellness * AM 4 & PM 4

Understanding our wellness as an adult and parent, is the key to being successful in life. Our wellness creates healthy roots for the children we raise. So, what do we do when we are parenting or raising children that have had their roots damaged or severed. What role(s) can we play? What actions can be taken? Where do we start? Join Ron for a heart to heart session on the roots to wellness.

REGISTRATION page 1

Select a Conference Package

- Double Occupancy per person
Includes Friday & Saturday Accommodations & Meals \$435
- Single Occupancy per person
Includes Friday & Saturday Accommodations & Meals \$550
- Saturday Day per person
Includes 2 Workshops & Lunch \$135
- Saturday Day & Evening
Includes 2 Workshops, Lunch, Dinner & Keynote \$190

OPTIONAL* **FRIDAY ADVOCACY TRAINING**

**COST IN ADDITION TO CONFERENCE FEES*

- Double Occupancy
Includes Thursday Accommodations & Meals \$225
- Single Occupancy
Includes Thursday Accommodations & Meals \$285
- Day Package Includes Friday Lunch \$125

SPECIAL ROOM REQUESTS** _____

FOOD ALLERGIES** _____

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REGISTRATION page 2

Workshop Selections: Please indicate 1st (1) and 2nd (2) choice

AM1		The Right Fit	PM1		Check Your Battery
AM2		Human Trafficking	PM2		The Good, The Bad & The Ugly
AM3		Leaky Brakes	PM3		Sexualized Behaviour
AM4		Roots to Wellness	PM4		Roots to Wellness

Advocacy Training PM Workshop Selection

	Advocacy 101		Voice of Experience
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Registration Deadline: April 6, 2018

Registrations accepted based on space availability

Refunds for Cancellations may be considered if received prior to April 6th

Early Bird Registration: March 15, 2018 - Each Person Registered & Paid In Full by March 15th will receive an entry for their FFA/FPA in a draw prize of \$500 payable to the FFA/FPA.

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CHEQUES PAYABLE TO LOFF

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ROOMMATE: THURS. ONLY _____ WEEKEND _____

AGENCY _____

FOSTER PARENT/CAS STAFF/YOUTH _____

SCHEDULE

Friday, May 4th, 2018

4:00 - 7:00 PM	Main Registration
5:00 - 6:30 PM	Dinner Buffet
7:00 PM	Silent Auction OPENS
7:30 PM	Entertainment with Ron Kanutski
	Welcoming Remarks
9:00 - 10:30 PM	Hospitality Suite

Saturday, May 5th, 2018

7:30 - 8:45 AM	Breakfast Buffet / Day Registration
9:00 - 11:45 AM	AM 1 The Right Fit AM 2 Sex Trafficking AM 3 Leaky Brakes AM 4 Roots to Wellness
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch Buffet
1:15 - 4:00 PM	PM1 Check Your Battery PM2 The Good, The Bad & The Ugly PM3 Sexualized Behaviour PM4 Roots to Wellness
4:00 - 5:00 PM	Cocktail Hour in the Starlite Lounge (Resort Bar)
4:45 PM	Silent Auction CLOSES
5:00 - 6:30 PM	Dinner Buffet
7:30 PM	“HELP” Ron Kanutski’s Keynote in Plenary Room
9:00 - 11:00 PM	Hospitality Suite

Sunday, May 6th, 2018

7:30 - 8:45 AM	Breakfast Buffet
9:30 - 12:00 NOON	LOFF Annual General Meeting - Box Lunches will be provided

WORKSHOPS

CALVIN LAWRENCE AM1 * *THE RIGHT FIT* *



PM1 * *CHECK YOUR BATTERY* *

Calvin Lawrence is a life energy coach and motivational speaker who has a strong passion to see people overcome obstacles, conquer or manage their fears and maximize their potential.

He has coached in various areas including relationship, performance and goal-setting. Client demographics include teenagers, young adults and persons of more mature ages.

His business and other professional expertise is in the area of IT project management and change management where coaching and motivational skills play a great part in achieving targets by overcoming conflicts while working with persons of varying backgrounds and ethnicities.

Having volunteered with three organizations in Ontario as tutor, mission volunteer and empowerment coach, this husband and father of two adult children/musician/singer/songwriter and vocal coach is aware that there are many challenges faced by parents and the groups and organizations which support and care for them.

* *THE RIGHT FIT* * Why does one person prefer to get wild and crazy while another is always calm and cool? Why do we deal differently with conflict situations? Can introverts and extroverts really get along? In this session we try to understand Personality Types and the part they play in relationship success at home, at work and at play.

* *CHECK YOUR BATTERY* * A fully charged cell phone or car battery is essential for optimal performance of the device's powers. What is your energy index? Learn about the seven levels of energy and how your dominant level will determine success, health and happiness.

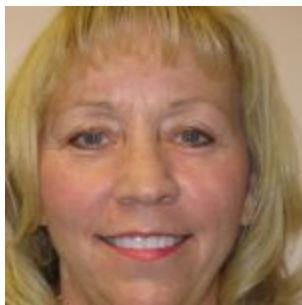
WORKSHOPS



JENNIFER POTTER AM2 * SEX TRAFFICKING “IN OUR BACKYARD” *

Born and raised in Ontario, Jennifer is the founder of 4:one oakville which advocates to abolish human trafficking in Canada through public awareness and survivor support. Jennifer is an ordained minister, married for 30 years and the mother of 3 girls and 1 Australian Shepherd.

* SEX TRAFFICKING “IN OUR BACKYARD” * will provide an overview of who the vulnerable are, tactics of groomers, knowing how to recognize the signs of grooming/sexual exploitation, correlation between the foster care system and sex trafficking and preventative measures.



CAROLYN HERRINGTON & MAGGIE LAVOIE PM 2 * THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY *

Carolyn was placed into the foster care system in her early teens; her own 3 children removed from her care and they too placed into a foster home. Within a year, Carolyn was successful in having her children returned to her care. She spent the next 22 years fostering teens and working with their families. She was a member of the FPA as well as

being elected and serving on the Board of Directors of the Simcoe County CAS. She lives in Barrie where, for the past 15 years, she has been employed as a Family Service Worker with Simcoe Muskoka CAS.



Maggie resides in Thunder Bay with her husband of 32 years, 3 adult children and 5 grandchildren. Maggie and her family have fostered for more than 20 years and during that time they have provided a therapeutic home for many children. Maggie is President of the Thunder Bay FFA and also sits on an advisory committee for Dilico Anishinabek Family Care. She is a Prime Worker, supervising access and driving youth for CAS.

* THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY * will provide an exclusive view of the lifecycle in the world of fostering and will leave participants with a deeper understanding of how fostering touches and changes each person that lives within the walls of the foster home.

WORKSHOPS

JENNA KONING * LEAKY BRAKES * AM 3



Jenna is a Community Behaviour Consultant with the 'Brake Shop', a specialty outpatient clinic at the Child and Parent Resource Institute (CPRI) in London, Ontario a Provincial Centre with the Ministry of Children and Youth Services. The 'Brake Shop' provides service to children/youth diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome, OCD and ADHD . She works extensively with families helping them understand 'leaky brake' disorders and how to deal with these often challenging symptoms at school, in the community and in family homes. Jenna also delivers Tic Management programming using CBIT (Comprehensive Behaviour Intervention for Tics), a non-medication treatment that can effectively reduce tic severity.

* **LEAKY BRAKES** * is an overview presentation intended to improve understanding of Tourette Syndrome and associated disorders including Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) and exploring the role of Sensory Processing Dysfunction and Reactive Rage which are often associated with these disorders.

This presentation will assist in increasing knowledge of 'Leaky Brake' disorders and will decrease misperceptions and misunderstanding.



LYNNE DONOGHUE *SEXUALIZED BEHAVIOUR* PM3

Lynn Donoghue graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a degree in Sociology and a degree in Social Work. Lynn has been practicing as a clinical social worker for 26 years and has trained in Adult Probation and Parole, Children's Rehabilitation Services and Children's Mental Health. Lynn is currently working at CPRI, a Provincial Mental Health Centre with the Ministry of Children and Youth Services. Her current clinical assignment includes two interdisciplinary teams including Relational Trauma and Sexual Behaviours. Lynn has presented at the Canadian Mental Health Association National Conference and has been the recipient of numerous MCYS awards.

SEXUALIZED BEHAVIOUR is a presentation that provides an overview of children and youth that present with concerning sexual behaviours. Participants will learn about contributing factors which can result in the development of these behaviours. The impact of trauma as a contributing factor as well as interventions and strategies that can decrease the sexualized behaviour and support positive change will also be explored, including safety planning within the home.



LOGISTICS

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Play a round of golf on one of the two golf courses offering 45 regulation holes of golf or participate in the non-stop recreational activities available within the 70,000 sq.ft. health and fitness centre. Take an exhilarating ride down the 3 storey 100 ft waterslide, splash in the indoor Tropical Rainforest themed 25m swimming pool, perfect your shot on the indoor mini-golf adventure or enjoy a workout in the fully equipped gym featuring indoor squash courts.

From Toronto: Take Highway 400 north to Highway 89 (exit #75 west). Drive west on 89 for 14km. The Nottawasaga Inn Resort is on the south side of the highway.

From Pearson International Airport: Take Highway 401 east to Highway 400 north. Drive north 75 km & exit westbound on Highway 89. We are located at 6015 Highway 89.

From Barrie: Take Highway 400 south to Highway 89 (exit #75 west). Drive west on 89 for 14km. The Nottawasaga Inn Resort is on the south side of the highway.

WANTED Donations for the Silent Auction. A sponsor letter is available for individuals to take to local businesses requesting donations for the auction. The letter will be posted on the web page.

**SAVE THE DATE 10th Annual LOFF Conference & AGM
May 30 - June 2, 2019 Nottawasaga Inn and Resort, Alliston**

ADVOCACY TRAINING

The Advocacy training day will have a whole group session on dealing with Secondary Trauma.

In addition, there will be a workshop for those who have little experience and those who are interested in becoming an advocate.

For the more experienced advocates, a workshop will be conducted by a panel of foster parents who will share valuable experiences in their roles as advocates. Participants will be encouraged to share their own experiences and ask questions.

Thursday, May 3, 2018

4:00 - 6:00 PM	Registration
6:00 - 7:00 PM	Dinner

Friday, May 4, 2018

7:30 - 8:45 AM	Breakfast Buffet / Day Registration
9:30 AM- 12:00 PM	Dealing with Secondary Trauma - Helping Advocates Cope
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch Buffet
1:30 - 3:30 PM	Advocacy 101 or The Voice of Experience Sara Hay & Eric Robidoux

Sara Hay is a retired teacher, a foster parent, past President of the Muskoka Foster Family Association and an Advocate. Sara is one of the founding members of LOFF.

Eric Robidoux is a husband, proud father of 2 adopted children and a foster dad, Head Cook for a retirement home and the Sudbury-Manitoulin FPA President and lead Advocate.

Please note that the fee for this training is in addition to the Conference fees. Costs are listed on the conference registration page.