

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

Co-Sponsored by OCAPDD/Open Hands and The Southern Ontario Training Group

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9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Ramada Inn Conference Room
805 Brookdale Ave., Cornwall, ON

Presenter:

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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, 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 (February 25 & 26). Cost for family members and students is \$20 for one workshop, or \$40 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 and form(s) and payment to: OCAPDD/Open Hands c/o Diane Vallieres, 17383 South Branch Road, Cornwall, ON K6K 1T3. Note: if registering as a group, please complete one registration form for each person and send the forms together.

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