

**Southern Ontario Training Group (SOTG)**  
**Brampton Caledon Community Living (BCCL)**  
**Brockville and District Association for Community Involvement (BDACI)**  
**Community Living Ontario (CLO)**

**Introductory PASSING Workshop**

Dates and times: Starting, Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.  
Ending, Friday, May 12, 2017 at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Location: Residence and Conference Center -Toronto (at Seneca College, Newnham Campus)  
1760 Finch Ave E, North York, ON M2J 5G3

FEES: \$525.00 (until March 7, 2017)  
\$575.00 (after March 7, 2017)

**Description of Workshop:** PASSING workshops are designed to enable participants who have previously attended a four day Social Role Valorization (SRV) workshop to gain a deeper understanding of devaluation and of how the promotion of valued roles may enable people who are disabled or devalued to experience “the good things of life”. This workshop is directed at anyone who is interested in bringing about change. While most participants are involved in human services, participation is welcome from service users, family members, students, advocates, board members, and others.. **Please note that previous attendance at a four day SRV workshop is a prerequisite for this event.**

In this workshop, participants are organized into teams of approximately six people plus a team leader (who has had previous PASSING experience). Each team visits two different human service programs (e.g. a group residence, school program, adult day support program, etc.). These study visits include a lengthy interview with the program managers along with time spent meeting the service users and observing the program. Following this, the team engages in a lengthy and depthful process through which they seek to understand how the program is experienced by the service users and how various aspects of the program contribute (or impede) the development of valued social roles.

The workshop begins with an introductory session on **Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m.** where, along with some useful information, you will have the opportunity to meet your team leader and fellow team members. **Monday** begins at **8:00 a.m. sharp** with a plenary session that provides an overview of the PASSING process, after which the teams meet to prepare for the site visit. The first site visit begins after this meeting. Teams return in the early evening and then spend 2-3 hours doing their individual ratings. The second day begins with a lengthy discussion about the service recipients in the program visited, reflecting on their characteristics, life experiences, wounds, most important needs, etc, and thinking about the extent to which the program is or is not meeting these needs. (This is referred to as the "foundations discussion"). After this, each PASSING rating is discussed until the team reaches a consensus on the service's performance, a process ("conciliation") that is likely to extend into the very late evening. The third day begins with a second site visit, followed by individual ratings, the foundations discussion, and the start of the conciliation process, again working into the late evening. Conciliation of the second site concludes on Thursday by dinner time. Following the completion of each conciliation, the team spend some time reflecting on what they believe to be the most important issues in the program they visited.

The team meets on the final morning to reflect on their workshop experience and to think about how they might want to be involved in future PASSING and/or other SRV events. At the final plenary session, team leaders share their teams' findings with the larger group, enabling all participants to more fully appreciate some of the broader issues pertaining to services for devalued people. This final session provides an opportunity to clarify PASSING issues, to share experiences, to learn about resources and upcoming events, and to provide feedback about the workshop and its potential impact. The workshop ends after the final plenary session on Friday, by early afternoon.

PASSING workshops require an intense commitment of time and energy. Participants should arrive well rested and plan to forego all outside involvements during the workshop. **They are expected to have read the PASSING Ratings Manual prior to the workshop.** They must be fully present and participating throughout the entire workshop, including all evening sessions, with their team. It should be noted that while past PASSING participants report that these are among the most demanding workshops they have attended, they rarely express dissatisfaction and, in fact, appreciate the workshop's rigor and high level of engagement.

THE WORKSHOP LEADERS

**Judith Sandys** (Senior Trainer): Judith's 35 + years of experience with Social Role Valorization have included human service management, teaching, research and consulting. Judith, who recently retired from the Ryerson School of Social Work, is a member of the Southern Ontario Training Group, the North American SRV Council, and the Editorial Board of the SRV Journal. She has been organizing and leading PASSING workshops for about two decades.

**Tom Doody** (Floater): Tom has been involved with disabled people for over forty years, in direct service, management, training and consultation roles and with SRV for over 35 of these. Tom retired recently as the senior coordinator of North Quabbin Citizen Advocacy, an organization exclusively focused on initiating and supporting freely-given relationships involving people with intellectual disabilities. He is a member of the North American SRV Council.

WORKSHOP SPACE IS LIMITED SO REGISTER EARLY!

*Please contact Erum Nasir at [erumn@bramptoncaledoncl.ca](mailto:erumn@bramptoncaledoncl.ca) for any questions regarding this workshop*

**PASSING REGISTRATION FORM**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**  
**If registering as a group,**  
**please complete one form**  
**for each person and send**  
**all together**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Where and when did you attend a four day SRV workshop? \_\_\_\_\_

FEES: \_\_\_\_\_ \$525 (if received on or before March 7, 2017)  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$575 (if received after March 7, 2017)

#### ACCOMODATION

We have reserved a block of suites at the Residence and Conference Center - Toronto, at Seneca College. Each recently refurbished suite includes two separate bedrooms along with a shared kitchenette (with refrigerator and microwave) and bathroom, at a rate of \$74.95 + tax per night (i.e. \$37.48 + tax, per person, if two people share a suite). Parking is free, provided you bring in your parking slip **before** you pay. . There is a convenience store, Subway restaurant, and Tim Horton's on site. Remember, a PASSING workshop is very intensive with early mornings and late nights. Unless you live very, very close by, you are encouraged to stay at the RCC. For more information, go to <http://www.stayrcc.com/properties/view/index/Toronto/> . To reserve a room, call [416-491-8811](tel:416-491-8811). **Be sure to mention that you are making a reservation under the Southern Ontario Training Group.**

#### PASSING BOOK ORDER FORM

Participants **MUST** bring to the workshop a copy of the PASSING Ratings Manual, 3rd (revised) Edition, published in 2007, with the gold cover, preferably one that says "Corrected 2nd (or 3rd) printing". To order a manual, please provide the following information and include the amount along with your registration fee.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of books: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$75.00 each (including postage) \_\_\_\_\_

#### CANCELLATION POLICY FOR WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

- Because of the time, energy and cost involved in organizing study visit sites for a PASSING workshop, we cannot issue refunds for cancellations made after March 7, 2017
- For cancellations made by March 7, 2017 an administrative fee of \$50 will be charged.
- Registration is transferable to another person, provided such transfer is arranged by the original registrant, and the person to whom it is transferred has completed a prerequisite four day SRV workshop
- Refunds (minus the administration fee) may be issued if the space created by the cancellation is later filled by a full paying participant.

Please indicate the total amount you are enclosing for both the registration and the book order. \_\_\_\_\_

Send your cheque **payable to: The Southern Ontario Training Group** to:

Brampton Caledon Community Living  
34 Church Street, West  
Brampton, Ontario  
L6X 1H3

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Once your registration has been confirmed, we will email you a Participant Information form to complete and return to Judith Sandys as soon as possible. The information you provide will assist in planning the composition of teams to ensure, for example, that each is diverse in terms of people's roles and experiences and includes enough people with cars who drive their team members to and from the study visits.

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