

It's Not Right! Abuse of Older Adults

Changing Attitudes – Changing Responses



Monday May 4 - Tuesday May 5, 2015 Toronto

Sheraton Toronto Hotel and Conference Centre, 801 Dixon Rd., Toronto

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YOU are a powerful being (most people just don't know it) and an important member of a growing community committed to taking practical steps that create a more respectful, safe and supportive society. Everyone has a role to play!

Topics and questions that will be explored by panels include:

- Ageism as a social norm that we can learn to recognize in ourselves and our systems. We want to interrupt attitudes and beliefs about the aging process that actually puts older adults at risk.
- Other issues intersect with abuse and neglect to make situations even more complex. Panelists will explore intersections in remote and immigrant communities and when mental health challenges are present
- Bystanders as first responders: what have we learned about engaging all citizens to take the everyday steps that can interrupt the patterns of abusive behaviour when the warning signs first appear?
- Examining the limits of a strictly criminal justice approach to abusive behaviour when most situations of abuse involve family members. As a society are we ready to move beyond categories of 'good and bad people' to think about healing for the whole family?
- Domestic violence in older couples involves unique risk factors that are tragically rising to the surface through death reviews. Are professionals and communities prepared to recognize the emerging risk in situations of deteriorating health and growing dependencies of older couples?
- Social isolation is considered one of the more robust risk factors of abuse and neglect in later life. How does it function and how can we address it?
- The Big Picture – Everyone has a role to play, how can we achieve collective impact using a pan-Canadian approach? Panelists will discuss:

- The critical leadership of Networks
- Innovative approaches
- Related initiatives



Keynote Speakers

We are very excited to welcome our keynote speakers.



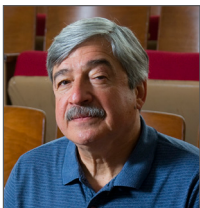
DR. ALAN BERKOWITZ is internationally renowned for his ground breaking work on social norms and bystander approaches. His expert opinion is frequently sought after by the U.S. government, military, colleges, universities and professional organizations. He is well-known for his scholarship and innovative programs addressing issues of substance abuse, sexual assault, gender, violence, bystander intervention, and diversity. Alan will open and close the conference, speaking about bystander intervention theory, research and skills as well as the role of social norms and will offer insights for the elder abuse community as to how social change actually happens.



DR. BEATRIZ BERKOWITZ is a transpersonal psychologist currently in private practice at the The Wellness Center of Mount Shasta, CA. She was trained as a clinical, school and organizational psychologist and teacher of psychology at the Catholic University of Pelotas (UCPEL) in Brazil. For the last thirty years she has worked as a private practitioner, teacher, school psychologist and as a psychological consultant to medical professionals. Beatriz is passionate about the bystander approach. She will speak about the inevitable tension that occurs for bystanders between the social norm to mind your own business and being true to yourself.



ALISON LEANEY, MSW, RSW is a Registered Social Worker and the Provincial Coordinator, Vulnerable Adults Community Response at the Public Guardian and Trustee of BC. She is a former chair of the Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the former Executive Director of the BC Association of Community Response Networks. She is a tireless advocate and brings her many years of experience across multiple sectors to serve as the National Trainer for the It's Not Right! initiative. Alison will co-host the conference and speak on the domestic violence panel.



DR. PETER JAFFE is the Academic Director at the Centre for Research & Education on Violence against Women & Children at Western University. He has played an instrumental role in promoting a national forum for domestic violence death review committees (DVDRC) in Canada. Peter will speak about emerging gaps and trends identified in 4 cases of domestic homicide-suicide of couples aged 60+ reviewed in the 2012 Ontario DVDRC report.



BARB MACQUARRIE is the Community Director at CREVAWC, Western University in London Ontario. She was awarded the Order of Ontario in 2015 for thirty years leadership and dedication to ending violence against women and children. Barb is currently leading the development of an international network on domestic violence in workplace and co-led the first national workplace domestic violence study in Canada. Barb will share the panel with her colleague Peter Jaffe to speak about the changing face of risk in the aging process.

Conference Agenda

MONDAY MAY 4 – DAY 1

8:30 am – 8:45 am	Introductions / Opening Remarks	Welcome
8:45 am – 9:15 am	Introduction to It's Not Right! project content and context for the conference: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working from a response continuum • YOU Power (What is it and how does it work?) 	HOST Alison Leaney
9:15 am – 10:00 am	Shifting Social Norms using Bystander Approach	Alan Berkowitz
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Initial Report on Evaluation – a developmental perspective on social change potential	Ben Kadel
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Catching hold of the inspired ideas	Table discussion
10:30 am – 11:00 am		BREAK
11:00 am – 11:15 am 11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Ageism is a social norm that we can learn to recognize in ourselves and our systems.	PANEL Sherry Baker Elliot Paus-Jenssen Marj Thiessen
12:00 pm – 12:15 pm	How do our individual attitudes perpetuate ageism?	Table discussion
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm		LUNCH
1:15 pm – 1:30 pm 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Abuse of older adults intersects with other issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In remote communities • Cultural differences – who defines abuse? • Immigration issues and abuse • Con-current issues 	PANEL Lillian Nakamura Maguire Dr. Mohammed Baobaid Susan McPhail
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm		BREAK
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Bystanders as first responders: what have we learned about engaging all citizens to take the everyday steps	Alison Leaney Margaret MacPherson Charmaine Spencer
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Exploring the personal aspects of the Social Norms and Bystander Approaches	Beatriz Berkowitz
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm		CLOSING

TUESDAY MAY 5 – DAY 2

8:30 am – 8:45 am	Opening Remarks	Welcome
8:45 am – 10:00 am	Examining the limits of a strictly criminal justice approach to abusive behaviour	PANEL Joceyln Yerxa Sharon Elliott Sharon McKenzie
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Are we ready to support people who behave abusively?	Table Discussion
10:15 am – 10:45 am		BREAK
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	Exploring domestic violence in older couples	Peter Jaffe Barb MacQuarrie April Struthers
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm		LUNCH
1:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Our Experience: Things we've learned so far	PANEL Lynda Smallwood Sherry Baker Pat Power Lori Therrien
2:15 pm – 2:45 pm		BREAK
2:45 pm – 3:30 pm	The Big Picture: What does it tells us?	Raeann Rideout Sarita Israel Ben Kadel April Struthers
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Reflections and Future Planning	Alan Berkowitz
4:00 pm – 4:15 pm		CLOSING





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