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MCFD is excited to offer a series of
FREE Autism Spectrum Disorder Workshops
in Prince Rupert, BC!
September 26, 27, 28, 2016

Location: The Highliner Plaza Hotel and Conference Centre
815-1st Avenue West, Prince Rupert BC V8J 1B3

Registration: All workshops are free however registration is required.
To register please contact Cathy.Green@gov.bc.ca

Workshop Topics:

- ❖ **Monday September 26th 1pm-4pm:** Autism Spectrum Disorder; What Does the Research Say?
- ❖ **Monday September 26th 7pm-9pm:** Autism Spectrum Disorders in Transitioning Youth and Adults
- ❖ **Tuesday September 27th 9am-12pm:** Autism Spectrum Disorder and Mental Health Issues in Children
- ❖ **Tuesday September 27th 1pm-4pm:** Tools for your toolbox! Evidence-Based Intervention Strategies
- ❖ **Tuesday September 27th 7-9pm:** Supporting Individuals with Autism in Crisis/Emergency Situations
- ❖ **Wednesday September 28th 9am-12pm:** An Aboriginal Perspective on Supporting Children and Families with Special Needs
- ❖ **Wednesday September 28th 1pm-4pm:** Information and Supports across BC for Individuals with ASD and Their Families

Coffee, Tea, and light refreshments will be provided.

We hope to see you there!

Workshop Details:

Monday September 26th 1pm-4pm

Topic: Autism Spectrum Disorder, What Does the Research Say?

Presenter: Dr. Karen Bopp; *Senior Behaviour Consultant and Director of Autism Policy, MCFD*

Details: This session will provide an overview of the current state of understanding in Autism Spectrum Disorder. Discussion will include ASD diagnosis, best practices, research-based interventions, developing a strong intervention team, and more.

Monday September 26th 7pm-9pm

Topic: Autism Spectrum Disorders in Transitioning Youth and Adults

Presenter: Dr. Anthony Bailey; *Professor and Chair of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, UBC*

Details: This presentation will review the issues facing late teens and adults with ASD.

Tuesday September 27th 9am-12pm

Topic: Autism Spectrum Disorder and Mental Health Issues in Children

Presenter: Dr. Anthony Bailey; *Professor and Chair of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, UBC*

Details: This session will discuss issues specific to Mental Health and Co-Morbidity in children and youth with ASD.

Tuesday September 27th 1pm-4pm

Topic: Tools for your toolbox! Evidence-based intervention strategies

Presenters: Dr. Karen Bopp; *Senior Behaviour Consultant and Director of Autism Policy, MCFD*

Details: This presentation will provide an overview of strategies and tools used to effectively support children and youth with autism spectrum disorder in their home, school and community environments. Practical examples of tools that can be used with individuals of all ages and abilities will be reviewed.

Tuesday September 27th 7-9pm

Topic: Supporting Individuals with Autism in Crisis/Emergency Situations

Presenter: Dr. Stephanie Jull; *Director of Programming, Canucks Autism Network*

Details: This workshop will provide an overview of Autism Spectrum Disorder and what to expect when supporting an individual with ASD in an emergency situation. A range of de-escalation strategies will be reviewed.

Wednesday September 28th 9am-12pm

Topic: An Aboriginal Perspective on Supporting Children and Families with Special Needs

Presenter: Rona Sterling-Collins (Quistletko), MSW; *Nlakapamux Nation, Professional and Parent*

Details: Rona will share some of the work she's assisted with in her communities around special needs. She will discuss the importance of wrapping services around the family as a whole rather than only the child or individual, in order to maximize positive outcomes. Drawing on her own experiences as the mother of a son with autism on the verge of adulthood, and the many other families she has supported, she will share strategies that have helped her son and family. She will also discuss ideas and strategies that would be helpful for rural and remote Aboriginal families and communities.

Wednesday September 28th 1pm-4pm

Topic: Information and Supports across BC for Individuals with ASD and Their Families

Presenter: Louise Broadley; *Manager of Autism Information Services, Autism Community Training*

Details: This presentation provides an overview of ACT services including individualized support from ACT information officers and online information and community resources to help families navigate autism services available in B.C. The presenter will discuss strategies for maximizing the impact of a child's autism funding, strategies for setting up a team in a small community and the importance of collaboration between professionals and families.