



## **Connect for Success**

KW Habilitation’s Committee for Excellence is proud to host our first Regional Conference at the Waterloo Region MUSEUM. This conference, aimed at people working with adults with developmental disabilities, will feature outstanding speakers and topics relating to professional development. Everyone is welcome.

- PLACE:** Waterloo Region MUSEUM  
10 Huron Road, Kitchener, Ontario
- DATE:** Friday, November 1, 2019
- TIME:** 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please find attached the registration form. Space is limited and registration will be on a first come basis.

### **CONNECT FOR SUCCESS CONFERENCE AGENDA**

#### **Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

8:30 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Dave Hingsburger – Community has Never Been a Walk in a Park
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Community Living Toronto: The Relationship Group
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b> – will be provided
1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Dr. Sarah Drexler: Functional Behaviour Assessment

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## Connect for Success Session Information

### Dave Hingsburger – Community has Never Been a Walk in a Park

We thought community was a house in the neighbourhood. We were wrong.

We thought community was an outing to the cinema. We were wrong.

We thought community was a friend that visits. We were wrong.

This session will look at one woman's battle for a piece of the community. She fought against the bigotry and bias with inner resources. Her intellectual disability, her identity, fueled the fight. The session will look at what we can learn from her and what we have learned since then.

Dave Hingsburger has worked for over 30 years with people with intellectual disabilities. He has worked in a variety of positions during that time but has always worked directly with people with disabilities in some capacity. At present, he is the Director of Clinical and Educational Supports at Vita Community Living Services in Toronto. Dave is a well-known speaker and consultant supporting people with developmental disabilities. He has published numerous books and instructional DVDs that are available through his publishing house Diverse City Press.

### Community Living Toronto: The Relationship Group

Tracey O'Regan is currently the Inclusion Coordinator and Education Liaison with Community Living Toronto. Tracey's work as an advocate, coordinator and teacher, has been guided by her belief in the value of relationships and a person's right to choose whom they connect with. For almost thirty years, Tracey has worked as advocate for families and their children who have been labelled with an intellectual disability. Tracey has designed workshops around developing relationships entitled "*Relationships and You*" which she has facilitated for community members and students within the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board. As well, she has co-facilitated parent groups, sibling workshops and conducted many presentations on children's and family's rights within the educational system.

Deanna Djos is the Sexual Health Promoter for the Relationship Group (RG) in Toronto. She has spent over a decade teaching about the healthy relationships and has made sure she remains educated and connected with her community, by building collaborative partnerships with organizations like: Montage Support Services, ACT (Aids Committee of Toronto), Toronto Public Health, Good for Her, Shore Centre, CAMH, Community Living Toronto and the list goes on!

Deanna delivers fun, action packed workshops that will not only build your confidence but will

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likely improve your overall health. She has been supporting the developmental service sector (DS) through such trainings as: Consent, Domestic Human Trafficking, QAM, empowering your Sex Esteem, self love, transgender education and Bridging Relationships with agencies and families (again-just to name a few!).

### **Dr. Sarah Drexler: Functional Behaviour Assessments – how they can help**

MCCSS mandates that a written functional assessment (FBA) be completed to inform the development of every behaviour support plan. What does that mean? Who can complete a functional behaviour assessment? How is it done? In this workshop, we will review the steps of completing a functional assessment and discuss the development of a plan based on the results.

1. Why FBAs are important?
2. Who can do an FBA?
3. Components of an FBA
  - a. Direct Observation
  - b. Interviews
  - c. Functional Analysis
4. Functions of Behaviour
5. Relating functions to proactive strategies

Dr. Sarah Drexler, Ed.D, BCBA is the Behaviour Analyst with KW Habilitation. Sarah has extensive experience in the field of developmental disability. Starting in a role as a Direct Support Professional, Sarah has advanced in her career through progressive clinical roles where she has led collaborations between direct supports and clinical supports to successfully meet the needs of persons with highly complex behaviours. From a systems perspective, Sarah has also successfully provided clinical leadership in the implementation and development of a treatment environment that serves to increase capacity of caregivers to support persons with complex behaviours. In 2013, Sarah completed her Master of Disabilities Studies also achieving Board Certified Behaviour Analyst credentialing. In 2019 Sarah completed her requirements for her Doctorate of Education with a concentration in community leadership. Her focus of study was creating an organizational improvement plan comparing methods of increasing capacity within a clinical services agency to meet the needs of persons with IDD. In her time with KW Habilitation she has been instrumental in increasing organizational capacity to support persons exhibiting complex behaviours.