



YSSN Bulletin



Wasn't that a Party?

The 25th Magna Wild West Hoedown that took place on September 14th was an amazing success!

Guests were entertained by an impressive line-up of performers, had the chance to enjoy a delicious dinner, and took the opportunity to bid on an array of unique experiences and interesting silent auction items.

Most importantly, the event raised \$567,000 that will benefit the 25 charitable organizations chosen to be part of this year's event. YSSN is thrilled to have been included in this very fortunate group.

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Magna, Tracey Scott and the many individuals who dedicate so much time and effort to making the Hoedown such a success and contributing so much to our local community.

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Mental Health News

The Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee presents

HSJCC: The Changing World from Youth to Elderly in Human Services & Justice

A forum of sharing innovation and best practice, networking and training. The keynote speakers will be representing individuals with lived experience, forensic mental health, and mental health and the Justice System.

To register, please call 1-866-655-8548 or email sherry@innovative4you.com

Schizophrenia Society of Ontario

Strengthening Families Together

SFT is a 4-session education program for family members and friends of individuals with serious/persistent mental illnesses.

Meeting Group Dates: Sept. 16, 23, 30 and Oct. 7th

171 Major Mackenzie Drive W., Richmond Hill

Call 1-800-449-6367 or asktheexpert@schizophrenia.on.ca

10th Annual Mental Health Academic/Clinical Day

Southlake Hospital Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health Programs Presents

Mood Disorders Across the Life Span: Strategies for Recovery

Friday, November 1st, 8am to 4pm

Southlake Regional Health Centre, Lecture Hall, 6th Floor, Medical Arts Building, Newmarket

Registration Fee: \$175.00—includes continental breakfast, nutrition breaks, lunch, all sessions.

Early Registration Fee: \$140.00 (deadline October 4th)

For more info, please contact Janet Giannini, Educator, Mental Health at 905 895 4521 ext. 2437 or email jgiannini@southlakeregional.org

CMHA York Region — Support for Depression Meetings

An opportunity for individuals with depression to share experiences in a non-judgmental and supportive environment. Meetings in Aurora, Keswick, Markham, Newmarket and Richmond Hill.

Call 905 853 8477 or 1 866 208 5509 ext. 4227 for info

Home On The Hill Supportive Housing Speakers' Series

Dr. David Dawson — "Schizophrenia In Focus"

Richmond Hill—October 1st, 7 pm, St Mary's Anglican Church Chapel, 10030 Yonge St.

For information, please contact Angelo Minardi @ minardis@rogers.com or 647-972-6675

Developmental Services News

Autism Spectrum Disorder Training

A wide range of free , professional and educational workshops available through Kerry's Place Autism Services. All ASD Training initiative focuses on increasing the knowledge and skills of respite workers, families and agency staff about Autism Spectrum Disorders and Respite Services.

Upcoming Workshops

Visual Strategies: Make and Take—**September 19th, Halton**

Girls Under the ASD Umbrella—**September 20th, York**

Sleep Issues and ASD—**September 27th, Simcoe**

Register at <https://secure.kerrysplace.org/respitetraining>

Kerry's Place Parents Support Group

Third Wednesday of every month, 7 to 9 pm

September 18th, next group

Community Room, 2700 Rutherford Road, Vaughan

Register at: kerrysplace.org/Public/Camps-and-Groups

Autism Ontario—York Chapter Updates

Cedar Brae Golf & Country—Second Annual Charity Golf Classic in support of Autism Ontario is on Monday, September 16th. All proceeds go directly towards subsidizing fees that families pay to send their children to camp.

Parent Support Groups

Location: Loyal True Blue and Orange Home

11181 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, ON

Meeting Room B13

2013 Dates: Sept. 10th, Oct. 15th, Nov. 12th, Dec. 3rd

Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Please go to www.autismontario.com/york for info

York Support Services Network is hosting

Resource Drop-In Days

MARKHAM: Sept. 19th (11am to 7pm)

50 McIntosh Drive, Suite 239, Markham, ON

VAUGHAN: Sept. 24th (9am to 4pm)

9401 Jane St., 3rd Floor, Suite 14, Maple, ON

Resource Days are offered for parents, caregivers and professionals. YSSN Case Managers are on-site to assist and share information on available Developmental Services programs and services.

For more info contact 905 898 6455 Ext. 2574

Community Information

Region of York Presents...

Making It Happen

A Symposium for creating lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered culturally competent care in Long-Term Care Homes.

Thursday, October 17th

8:30 am to 4 pm

Richmond Hill Golf and Country Club

The symposium will educate and inform on creating lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) culturally competent care and is recommended for: long-term care home front-line staff and administration, community agencies, and other health care providers.

Cost: \$90. Fee includes lunch, morning and afternoon refreshments and symposium materials.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer.Sequeira@york.ca or Jennifer.Blaik@york.ca



Bereaved Families of York Region - 2013

Events

5th Annual Butterfly Release & Optimist Club of Aurora Picnic

Saturday, September 21st
Fairy Lake, Newmarket

Hundreds of butterflies will be released at this event which is held to express sorrow and honour the memory of deceased loved ones. Butterfly orders are now being accepted and must be purchased prior to August 30th.



**For further information, please contact:
Bereaved Families ~ York Region @ bfoyr@bellnet.ca
or 905 898 6265**

Family Services York Region Conference

Painting A Rainbow: Working with Gender Independent Children and Youth

Wednesday, September 25th

The Manor, 16750 Weston Rd., Kettleby

This conference will address the needs of gender independent children and youth. Participants will have an opportunity to increase their knowledge, and heighten their awareness in the understanding of provision of service and promoting the wellbeing of this population.

**For more information , please contact: Liway Subalvaro
@ 905 780 9927 or e. lsubalvaro@fsyr.ca**

Family Services York Region Upcoming Programs – Fall 2013

Parenting for Life • Triple P 1—12 • Triple P Teen •
Farsi Positive Parenting • South Asian Triple P •
Anger Management for Men • Encouraging Heroes
Challenge of Anger for Women • LBTTQ Groups
Free To Be Me • Farsi Women's Support Group
• Surviving Separation •
South Asian Women's Support Groups • Expressive
Arts Support Group • Child Anger Management & Parent
Program • Teen Anger Awareness & Parenting
Program • Family Transitions Triple P

For more information, please go to www.fsyr.ca

Events and Other Important Dates!

Alzheimer Society of York Region

Coffee Break

Annual National Launch
September 19th



Hosting a coffee break is an easy and fun way to show your support for people affected by Alzheimer's in your community. Donations from your coffee break event support front-line programs and services across Canada. They provide help and hope for people living with dementia and their caregivers.

To learn more and connect with the Alzheimer Society of York Region @ www.alzheimer-york.com or call 905 895 1337

Commons Coffee & Catering

A new non profit organization with the aim of training adults with autism and mild to moderate developmental delays with work skills in coffee catering and more.

To learn more, please email: info@commonscoffee.org

Newmarket Public Library

Upcoming Adult Programs

Computers 101

Learn the basics of computers

Wednesday, October 9th 2:00pm-3:00p.m.

An introduction to computers for the beginner. Learn about PCs, the difference between software and hardware, popular computer programs, and more. Registration is required.

Admission: \$2 per person

For more information or to pre-register, please call 905 953 5110 ext. 4770.



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About YSSN

Established in 1982, York Support Services Network (YSSN) is a community-based social service agency that offers a comprehensive range of programs and services to support individuals and their families struggling with the challenges of a developmental disability or serious mental illness.

YSSN is a non-profit organization funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, the Ministry of Community and Social Services and the Ministry of Children and Youth Services. There is no fee for our services.

"A Meaningful Life: Relationships, Community, Well-Being."