

**CITIZENS' CRIME PREVENTION ASSOCIATION OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND  
LABRADOR  
CONFERENCE 2009  
OCT. 16- OCT. 18, 2009**

**SESSION DESCRIPTIONS**

**SCHOOL (LIAISON) RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM**

This workshop will focus on the importance of a working relationship between law enforcement and the school system as well as the benefits that are received from a successful program. Selection and training of the right personnel to work in a school setting is the key to a successful program. Information will be given and discussed on a selection process as well as training for the officer. The information in this workshop has been compiled from many years of working in law enforcement and with local school programs. Commander Robinson's workshop will center on how a team approach can build communication, respect, and a safe learning environment between law enforcement, school children, staff and the community.

**Presenter: Commander Bobby Robinson**

Commander Robinson's current position is that of administrator over a School Resource Officer program that consists of thirty-three officers assigned to 12 high schools, 15 middle schools, and 2 alternative schools for the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office. Commander Robinson has been in Law Enforcement since 1983. He has served with Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, Shreveport, LA and Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office in Alexandria, LA and with D.A.R.E. America, Los Angeles, CA. Due to the success of his School Liaison Program, this last year, one of the community college systems in his area has asked to be included in the program.

**PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR AT RISK LEARNING DISABLED YOUTH**

This workshop presents the unique characteristics of learning disabled students and how some of these characteristics can manifest into at-risk behaviors, interfering with positive decision-making. A pro-active prevention program, incorporating police officers as positive role models for this population of youths, will be presented.

**Presenter: Shay Hart**

Shay Hart is a special education teacher at Vanguard School, the only specialized school within the province of Quebec, offering educational services to students with severe learning disabilities. Shay also developed, and was the coordinator of, the Vanguard Prevention Program targeting at-risk learning disabled adolescents. This prevention program functioned with the support and participation of the Montreal police.

## **DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS**

(Note this session has been changed. It was previously called Drugs and Organized Crime in Conference Booklet)

This session will challenge each of us to understand what the forty Developmental Assets are and how these Assets can contribute to the school environment as well as to your community. You will understand how each and every one of you have the potential to be asset builders within your schools and communities. We will examine our personal energy, leadership potential, and team building capacity to mentor the youth with whom you interact on a daily basis, by using the Forty Developmental Assets.

Presenter: Sgt. Cheryl Jarvis

Sgt. Jarvis has been an RCMP Officer for 18 years and is presently working in Regina, Saskatchewan. She has worked in Hudson Bay, SK, Ponteix, SK, Kerrobert, SK and Saskatoon, SK. She ran a detachment for 2 years, and for the last 5 years has been in the Drug & Organized Crime Awareness Service. As the NCO of the Drug & Organized Crime Awareness Service she is responsible for all the education of police officers on Drugs and Gang trends. She is also responsible for providing detachment members with the expertise to educate their local communities on these issues. Through her position in Saskatchewan she runs the DARE training center for Saskatchewan and Manitoba. She is an instructor on the Aboriginal Shield Instructors course, and has been a DARE Officer for 11 years and involved in School prevention for 18 years.

## **DIVERSITY IN OUR SCHOOLS**

This one-hour session will present an overview of the Association for New Canadians, programs and services provided by the organization. It will also present an overview of the clients with whom we work. It will also focus on some of the challenges faced by refugee and immigrant youth as they settle into a new life and school setting here in this province. We will also cover some ideas on best practices for working with this population. The session will conclude with a question and answer discussion period.

Presenter: Ashley Crocker, B.S.W, R.S.W.

Ashley Crocker is a social worker currently working at the Association for New Canadians (ANC) as the Diversity and Organizational Change Training Officer. Prior to taking this position, Ashley worked as the Settlement Worker in the schools for the ANC, a job that involved extensive work with refugee and immigrant children and youth. Ashley has worked with this organization for over two years, is passionate about her work, and thoroughly enjoys sharing the experiences she has had in working with refugees and immigrants in the St. John's area.

## **SEXUAL MINORITY: YOUTH FITTING IN**

This session will examine the following topics: Defining Homophobia, Development of Sexual Attraction/Homosexual Identity, Challenges and Risks for Sexual Minority Youth, Effects of Homophobia on Straight People and supporting Sexual Minority Youth. This session will be of interest to teachers, counselors, social workers, and anyone who has an interest in working with youth.

### **Presenter: Maureen Wrice**

Maureen's undergraduate degree is a Science degree in Nutrition and Consumer Studies from St. Francis Xavier University. For most of the twenty years that she has been teaching, she has taught in the health and family studies area. In such courses, she frequently encountered students having gender role stereotypes and homophobia. When she began her master's program, she focused as much work as possible on researching about the issues/challenges of sexual minority youth. When a position became available on the NLTA Equity Issues in Education Committee, she joined and much of her presentation comes from the work this committee has done. Currently, she is teaching Grade 7 Science and Grade 5 Math at Donald C. Jamieson in Burin.

## **SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF YOUTH**

This session will give an overview of how youth are recruited into the sex trade. We will look at some of the early warning signs that a youth may be at risk and then examine some possible prevention strategies.

### **Presenters: Roberta Stanford and Wilson Chaulk**

Roberta is a school counselor and president of the Citizens' Crime Prevention Association of Newfoundland and Labrador. In her job she works with troubled youth who can be easily led into leading a troubled life. Wilson Chaulk is the Vice-President of the Association. Although now retired, he spent many years working with sex offenders. The information presented in this session comes from a three-day training session on the topic that Roberta and Wilson attended.

The following session will take place on Friday evening from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.:

**THE COMMUNITY ACCOUNTS:**  
**BUILDING KNOWLEDGE FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY IN NEWFOUNDLAND**  
**AND LABRADOR**

The Community Accounts ([communityaccounts.ca](http://communityaccounts.ca)) is an online information system where you can find a wealth of useful data about your community, region, and province.

This session will focus on the new 'Community Safety and Social Vitality Account', which includes data specifically related to crime as well as community safety and vitality. Presenters will show how all of this data encourages a comprehensive view of crime prevention, and how groups and communities can use it to plan effective approaches that are based on evidence.

**Presenters:**

**Heidi Ryan**

Heidi Ryan has substantial experience with various data sources, specifically Statistics Canada. Since June, 2008 her focus has been on crime and safety data and the factors contributing to crime and safety. She received a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Economics from Memorial University and has worked with the Newfoundland and Labrador Statistics Agency for 9 years.

**Patti Powers** has a background in social research and analysis, policy and program development, and community and rural economic development. She has considerable experience in social and economic policy development, public and government consultation, integrated approaches to social, community and economic development strategic planning, government systems and delivery structures, program design and development, and program evaluation.

**Peggy Matchim** has extensive experience working in the field of community development, with a particular focus on citizen engagement and collaborative network building. Her work over the past decade has centered around youth development, literacy and essential skills work, and coordinating comprehensive approaches to poverty reduction, crime prevention, and neighbourhood development.