

**“Emerging and Contemporary Issues in Responding to and Preventing Sexual Violence” will be of interest to a wide range of professionals, including police, crown, probation, justice, social workers, guidance counselors, youth workers. This two day conference will be held at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel. Registration includes lunch and breaks. There will be no charge, but pre-registration is necessary to save a seat. You can register for one or both days.**

## **May 25th**

- **Keynote speaker: Cordelia Anderson**

Cordelia Anderson’s presentation will focus on the impact of pornography on youth and keys to helping young people develop caring connections and healthy relationships. She will touch on how the impact of pornography has escalated with changing content and the explosion of accessible technology, and explain ways the pornified culture hurts sexual and relational health. Cordelia will also look at the power of protective factors that help counter the constant tsunami of sexually toxic and violent messages that shape attitudes, values and behaviours. She will include tips for what we each can do to help young people have quality relationships.

- **Presentation**

Member of L Division RCMP (TBA) This discussion will focus on the role of police in dealing with youth around issues such as pornography, sexting and internet luring.

## **May 26th**

- **Keynote speaker: Dr. Lori Haskell**

Her presentation will include an introduction to trauma responses, and how this impacts people at various stages of their involvement with the justice system (investigation, court process). Dr. Haskell’s presentation will highlight some of the obstacles and challenges for the criminal justice system, and information on helping service providers respond sensitively and appropriately.

- **Presentation**

Dr. Verona Singer, Manager, Victim Service from Halifax, and Sgt. Sarah Drummond from the Halifax Regional Police Force. In 2014 Halifax Regional Police developed a trauma informed training for patrol officers investigating sexual assault. Topics include victim blaming, the effects of trauma on victims, initial statement taking, writing reports and role playing. Dr. Verona Singer and Sgt. Sarah Drummond will provide an overview of the training and share some key modules with workshop participants.

## **Biography: Cordelia Anderson**

Cordelia has been working since 1976 to promote healthy (sexual) development and prevent a wide range of sexual harm. She began one of the country’s first child sexual abuse prevention programs which started in the Hennepin County Attorney’s Office where she was a child victim advocate. She moved with the program to Illusion Theater and until 1992 toured nationally using theater as a means to draw attention to these issues and mobilize action. While her early work focused on prevention she was also a consulting therapist with adult survivors, prostituted women and sex offenders and a restorative justice/circle practitioner. Since 1992, Cordelia’s operated her own training and consultation business, Sensibilities Prevention Services. She’s been on the board of NCMEC since 1998 and co-chairs the program/prevention committee. She founded the National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse & Exploitation and is on the ATSA Prevention Committee. In 2014 she wrote the play, FIRED UP, based on

the survivor's stories who performed the piece and in 2011 wrote, "The Impact of Pornography on Children Youth & Culture" Cordelia's conducted over 2,500 presentations and consults with a broad range of organizations.

### **Biography: Dr. Lori Haskell, Ph. D.**

Dr. Lori Haskell is a clinical psychologist in private practice and a status appointment as an assistant professor in psychiatry at the University of Toronto and is an academic research associate with the Centre for Research on Violence Against Women and Children. Dr. Haskell's clinical interests include trauma, re-victimization, sexual abuse and sexual violence in relation to sexual development.

Dr. Haskell has presented at workshops, conferences, and professional meetings in Canada and internationally. She has educated judges, crown attorneys, police officers, psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, nurses, service providers and community groups. She is also an author of several books and publications dealing with her areas of expertise.

### **Biography: Dr. Verona Singer, Ph.D.**

Verona Singer has a Ph.D. from Dalhousie University and a Masters in Criminology from the University of Ottawa. Verona has worked on issues of intimate partner violence, sexual violence and criminal justice for 30 years.

Her current position(s) include managing the Victim Service Unit with the Halifax Regional Police and teaching in the Sociology/Criminology Department at Saint Mary's University.

Verona sits on numerous committees and boards and is the Vice President of the Nova Scotia Criminal Justice Association, council member of the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women, and immediate past president of the Canadian Criminal Justice Association.

Verona's research includes the high risk case coordination protocol, gendered violence in HRM, and restorative practices in intimate partner violence. Recently Verona was invested into the Order of Merit for Police Forces by the Governor General of Canada for her work in intimate partner and sexual violence over the past 19 years with the Halifax Regional Police.

### **Biography: Sgt Sarah Drummond**

Sgt Drummond has been a member of the RCMP for 18 years. She has worked in both the Northwest territories and Nova Scotia. She has been a member of the Integrated Sexual Assault Team since 2008 and has worked as both an investigator and more recently a supervisor.