

6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

# MENTAL HEALTH LAW FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Do you have a clear understanding of the complex legal issues relating to children & youth mental health law? Do you know how to anticipate, prevent and manage them?

Over one **comprehensive** day, you will gain **practical** and **up-to-date** information that you can put to work immediately following the program, including:

- Understanding the challenges to mental health service delivery
- Coordination and collaboration amongst community mental health providers
- Understanding the prevalence of substance abuse amongst children and youth with mental health issues: what does it look like?
- Mental health and addictions in the school system

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## Program Leaders

**Michele M. Warner**  
Legal Counsel, Centre for Addiction  
and Mental Health (CAMH)

**Dr. Sharon Pyke**  
Superintendent of Education,  
Greater Essex County District  
School Board

## Program Details

DATE AND TIME

**April 9, 2018**

**9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. EDT**

**In Person or Webcast**

ONLINE REPLAY

**May 16, 2018**

LOCATION

**Osgoode Professional  
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1 Dundas St. West, 26th Floor  
Toronto, ON



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# 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Mental Health Law for Children and Youth

This OsgoodePD program brings together legal, healthcare, mental health and education professionals for a comprehensive one-day update on the essential, current and emerging issues, together with practical legal advice on how to deal with them. The discussion will also include strategies on how community partners can work together to face these challenges.

## Topics Include

- What advocacy support is most appropriate?
- Emerging trends in mental health among children and youth
- What are your organization's obligations as children/youth transition through the system?

**Don't miss the chance to have your questions answered by experts in children's mental health law. You will walk away from this program with knowledge, tools, practical strategies and tactics that will help you anticipate, prevent and manage these complex legal issues.**

## Who Should Attend

- School Administrators/Directors of Education/Supervisory Officers
- Mental health leads
- Teachers
- Health care risk managers
- Representatives from hospitals, psychiatric facilities and community care agencies
- Psychiatrists, physicians, nurses and other licensed medical professionals
- Lawyers in private practice specializing in health, criminal or education law
- Crown lawyers
- Government and public policy advisors
- Expert witnesses and mental health consultants
- Mental health patient advocates
- Social workers
- Health and social service professionals
- Law enforcement officers
- Corrections and rehabilitation service representatives

*“Very interesting and good resources for future in-depth reading. Will help me in my practice as an MD.”*

2016 Attendee

*“Thank you. This was one of the better CPD's I've attended.”*

2016 Attendee

## Agenda

**8:30 a.m.**

**Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**9:00 a.m.**

### Welcome and Case Study Introduction from the Chairs

**Michele M. Warner**, Legal Counsel, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)

**Dr. Sharon Pyke**, Superintendent of Education, Greater Essex County District School Board

To prepare you for the day's session, the program chairs will present a complex fact scenario that's designed to get you thinking about some of the key issues that will be discussed throughout the day, including:

- Mental health diagnosis & advocacy
- Transition planning between community partners
- Early identification & intervention
- The impact of concurrent disorders on children & youth

**9:15 a.m.**

### A Clinical Overview

**Alice Charach, MD, MSc., FRCPC**, Medical Director, Child and Youth Acute Care Collaborative (CAYACC), Division of Child and Youth Psychiatry; Associate Professor, Psychiatry University of Toronto

- The current state of affairs in children and youth mental health
- Emerging trends in mental health among children and youth
- Diagnosis of common psychiatric disorders in children and youth: who is getting treatment? Why?
- What are the challenges to mental health service delivery?
- Early identification and early intervention
- Lessons learned from parents, youth and service providers on the challenges between children/youth and adult mental health services

**10:30 a.m.**

**Refreshment Break**

10:45 a.m.

## Understanding Mental Health Laws Relating to Children and Youth

**Michele M. Warner**, Legal Counsel, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)

**Lauri A. Reesor**, Hicks Morley Hamilton Stewart Storie LLP

Key differences exist between children/youth and adult mental health laws.

Having a thorough understanding of the legal regime governing this area and how it guides your work is critical.

This review of the legislative framework will give you an up-to-date foundation for what comes later in the conference. The intersecting legislation includes:

- *Health Care Consent Act*
- *Mental Health Act*
- *Personal Health Information Protection Act*
- *Child and Family Services Act*
- *Youth Criminal Justice Act*
- *Education Act*
- *Ontario Human Rights Code*

12:15 p.m.  
Luncheon

1:00 p.m.

## Community Collaboration in Children and Youth Mental Health: Cross-Sector Approaches & Challenges

**Christina Bartha, MSW, RSW**, Executive Director, SickKids Brain and Mental Health Program, SickKids Centre for Community Mental Health, Centre for Brain and Mental Health (Research)

**Susan Chamberlain, MSW, RSW**, Executive Director, The George Hull Centre for Children and Families

The challenges in mental health amongst children and youth can most effectively be dealt with through community collaboration. This session will look at:

- Community collaboration amongst mental health service providers
- The coordination of care pathways
- Data sharing: the benefits and challenges when working with other community partners
- Challenges of working amongst multiple ministries: ensuring best care possible

- Privacy challenges: protecting the young person while also working to ensure effective care
- Assisting young people on the cusp of turning 18 by connecting them with appropriate transitional service
- Preparing our clinicians for the practice demands of today and tomorrow: professional development, care plan effectiveness and process efficiencies
- Lessons learned from successes and failures

2:15 p.m.

Break

2:30 p.m.

## Mental Health and Addictions

**Karen Leslie MD MED FRCPC**, Professor of Paediatrics, Division of Adolescent Medicine, The Hospital for Sick Children

**Brandi Pek, BA, MSW, RSW**, Coordinator, Addiction Services of Thames Valley

Understanding concurrent disorders and how they impact mental health in children and youth is critical to your understanding in how to deal with them. In this session you will gain a comprehensive grounding in:

- The basics: what we know about mental health and addictions amongst children and youth
- The prevalence of substance abuse amongst children and youth with mental health issues
- What does it look like? What form does it take?
- The impact of addiction on children and youth in areas such as:
  - academic success
  - social relationships
  - legal status
  - physical health and well being
- What help is available to them?
- Addiction/substance abuse issues being seen in schools
- How are these challenges being addressed? What supports are available?
- Consent to treatment vs. forced treatment

3:30 p.m.

## Case Study Wrap-Up/Q&A

**Michele M. Warner**, Legal Counsel, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)

**Dr. Sharon Pyke**, Superintendent of Education, Greater Essex County District School Board

In this interactive afternoon session you will analyze the case study introduced at the beginning of the day, identify the issues that have been highlighted and discuss best strategies.

This group discussion will reinforce your understanding of the issues and provide you with best practices and tools you can put to work to address these issues immediately.

4:00 p.m.

Program Concludes

## Our participants say it best:

“Great day. Lots of info and wonderful professionals to work with. (2017)”

“Most valuable Things Learned at the Program (2017): Consent laws. Rights of students. Capacity info.”

## PLUS, past years...

“Very informative, interesting, relevant.”

Vinay Aggarwal  
York Region District School Board

“Great speakers. Loved the balance of law, education, social work, medical perspectives. A lot of learning today.”

Lisa Weekes  
York Region District School Board

“Once again I've found the Osgoode session to be very informative, engaging and practical to my work.”

Shelley Woon  
Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board

## Program Chairs

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## Registration Details

### Fee per Delegate

**\$545 plus HST**

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