

JUSTICE SERVED CONFERENCE

Addictions & The Justice System: “Hope & Recovery”

Thursday May 16th, 2019

Keynote speaker:



Earl Lambert

He's a Certified Life-Coach who attended the University of Northern British Columbia, where he majored in General Business with a double minor in First Nations studies and Political Science. He's worked as an Executive Director for a First Nations non-profit organization, a College Instructor of Business, a Life-Skills, Employment and Business Facilitator, an HIV/AIDS Educator, an Advocate, Fundraiser and Events Coordinator for various homeless initiatives and lastly, as a Programs Developer and Group Facilitator for an Aboriginal Child and Family services organization.

Earl has had his share of adversity. He was raised in a single-parent home at the level of poverty, where he was exposed to alcoholism and various forms of multigenerational abuse. Spending his earlier years in and out of foster-homes, he often felt displaced due to widespread racism and discrimination toward Aboriginal people in the community. At the age of nine his father died a tragic death, which was followed by a number of family suicides. From a very young age Earl began to abuse alcohol and drugs, resulting in several sentences in juvenile detention centers and the earlier part of his adult life in correctional facilities.

His willingness and determination to break the cycle of destruction led him on a path of self-discovery, in which he was able to combine western forms of healing with First Nations holistic cultural practices. Today Earl lives with a great sense of pride as a warrior walking upon the Red Road. He continues to gain strength from the spiritual teachings of his elders and is well-known for not only his powerfully upbeat energy, but for his positive and optimistic outlook on life. He's driven by his passion for motivating people toward creating positive change and remains committed to inspiring others through the gift of his words.

Whether it's a keynote speech, a community presentation, a day of emceeing, a staff training seminar or a series of youth workshops, Earl has an exciting and impactful way of delivering a fun and unforgettable experience!



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Concurrent Workshop speakers:



Linda MacArthur

“Mother of Recovering Addict”

Linda is a wife, mother and a white-collared professional. She was not prepared to be the mother of an addict. This unexpected turn of events has led her to support those agencies who advocate for youth that face challenges in life due to addiction and mental health. New to advocacy herself, she has already been awarded the 2018 CMHA Simcoe County Support Award.



Amber Meiners

Amber Meiners is an Agent for the Public Prosecution Service of Canada. She currently prosecutes offences under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* in Simcoe County, after having been called to the Ontario bar in 2017. Amber obtained a Bachelor of Arts (Honours), with a major in French Studies, from Queen’s University 2013. In 2016, she graduated from the University of Ottawa where she was one of twenty students to complete the “*Programme de droit canadien*” and obtain both a common law degree, and a civil law degree. Amber spent her articling term working for Jokinen Law Professional Corporation where she was able to assist with both criminal defence and Federal prosecution cases. Outside of the courtroom, Amber enjoys relaxing and spending time with her dog Goose.



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CNCC Panel - Alana Kehrer, Diane Marcellus, & Sarah Rusch

“Supporting Clients with Addiction Issues in a Correctional Setting”

The Past, Present and Future: A review of the work three Addiction Counsellors do in a Provincial Correctional Centre

Karen Bell - “Rock and Roll: Power of the Arts”

In closing the day, we invite participants to participate in a short but very powerful activity: Rock and Roll! Something to take with you as you move forward in your journey personally or professionally.

Anabelle Craig—Cellist

We are pleased to welcome cellist, Annabelle Craig who is playing music at this event. Anabelle has been playing cello since she was 4 years old. Living in the Haliburton Highlands, Anabelle plays with the Bowed Well Stringed Ensemble as well with the Haliburton Chamber orchestra. At 15 years of age, she is passionate about music and the arts, hoping to pursue a career in the performing arts. You can follow her @perfect_fifth_studios on instagram

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