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# Looking Back - 2015 PCAP Council AGM!

The PCAP Council 2015 AGM was informative, inspiring, and energizing! Thanks to all for attending and a special thank you to Janice Penner & Sharon Enslen as cochairs of the Cross Ministry Committee for attending and offering opening remarks!



Elder Wilson Okeymaw opened & closed with prayer



PCAP Council Co-Chairs Kenda Dodds and Jailin Threinen offered opening and closing remarks



Kristin Bonot, PCAP Provincial Coordinator presented the Program Report. To view in full click on http://tinyurl.com/abpcap-agm2015-

pgmreport



Keith Covey, Quality Assurance Analyst, presented the Penelope Report





Sharon Enslen, FASD-CMC Co-Chair



Stacey Olstad led us in a movement and discernment exercise enjoyed by Janice Penner & Kristin Bonot







The day closed with music from PCAP Council Executive Officer, Janice Randhile and her group, the Chipay Iskwew Singers.

## Alberta PCAP Council Presented Dr. Gabor Maté

Dr. Gabor Maté presented at the 2015 Alberta PCAP AGM Training on June 4, 2015. Following the workshop, participants talked about having gained further understanding about the relationship between childhood trauma and severe experiences of addiction. Dr. Maté's insight, compassion, and humor allowed participants to explore their personal and professional development; some participants reported that the day's practice gave them confidence to build capacity internally to connect more openly and deeply with clients.

Photography by: Shayne Woodsmith



























Loving an addict Inspired by Modern Quilts By Lin Taylor of Quiltheart

trapped
images of death
shadows of darkness &
helplessness
backdrop of vigilance and
depression
shards of secrecy & distrust
slashes of trauma, pain, fear,
and anger
a maze of biome, shame &
sadness
bits of hope, shattered
tension of impending grief
framed by desperation

**Hungry Ghosts** 



## "It's Amazing"

In response to seeing the quilt Dr. Maté described Lin's work as her having taken on "...her pain and suffering and channeled it into creative expression. The quilt embodies her conscious acceptance of her trauma, and her refusal to be defined by it."

When Dr. Maté shared the quilt photo with his artist wife, Rae, she responded by saying, "It's amazing!" ...and it is!

## 2015 FASD Awareness Activities

**September 9** is recognized as International FASD Awareness Day. Here are some ways you honored FASD Awareness throughout September. (We are still accepting stories to share in future newsletters-send yours to pcap@telus.net)

Southeast Alberta Service Network Coordinator, Myrna Stark describes their wonderful month of FASD activities! "We started with our Mocktails for Mom week-long campaign followed by a special day of training with Myles Himmelriech open to the public and then a private dinner with Myles for individuals with FASD, Caregivers and their families. The response was fantastic with many positive comments including people sharing they had experienced their "ah ha" moment. Many parents and individuals felt this was the best event/training they had ever attended in regards to FASD as they had a chance to connect with Myles and truly understand it better. They all left feeling very inspired. We will conclude this week with FASD training by Darci Kotkas this Friday.

We have been fortunate to receive a great deal of media attention around our events. We have had live radio and TV coverage and three feature articles in the Medicine Hat News. One article features me speaking about FASD and the upcoming events, the second one featured one of our caregivers speaking about her life raising children that have FASD. Her story can be found here: <a href="http://medicinehatnews.com/news/local-news/2015/09/12/fasd-a-struggle-for-all/">http://medicinehatnews.com/news/local-news/2015/09/12/fasd-a-struggle-for-all/</a>. The article featuring Myles' presentation, which can be viewed here: <a href="http://medicinehatnews.com/news/local-news/2015/09/18/guest-speaker-shares-his-inner-and-outer-struggles-with-fasd/">http://medicinehatnews.com/news/local-news/2015/09/18/guest-speaker-shares-his-inner-and-outer-struggles-with-fasd/</a>.

Myrna prepared a 15 minute presentation to the Medicine Hat District Parole Citizen Advisory Committee, and was invited to remain for a lengthy 1.5 hour conversation. Myrna described the level of interest and engagement at the meeting as thrilling!

Myrna is scheduled to meet with MLA, Bob Wanner to present the FASD work going on in SE Alberta. For more information on FASD awareness month events in Southeast Alberta visit <a href="http://www.seafan.ca/">http://www.seafan.ca/</a>

Metis Settlements General Council FASD Network Coordinator, Anita Anderson shares that "The Metis FASD Network ran an FASD snickers awareness campaign in the Edmonton office (reception area) and some of the Settlement offices in the catchment area. All the Settlement offices had the Snickers campaign sent to them. Some opted to keep the campaign supplies for their meet and greets/open house."



**Edson** - Jailin Threinen & Martha Johnston



**Hinton** - Jailin Threinen, Vanessa Caplette & other community service providers



Whitecourt – Julie Wood & Bianca Beauchamp

PCAP Program Supervisor, Pam van Vugt from **McMan in Calgary** shares that her area has been having a *BreakFASD* for a number of years. This year they gathered at Fort Calgary with the theme, "Supports for Success". A panel consisted of a woman with FASD, 2 parents who have raised 3 children with FASD and an employer who supervises staff with a diagnosis. The focus was on employment with discussion about methods to have successful employment; the individual affected talked about how it felt for her to be successfully employed. The event included a focus on FASD regarding Social Media and young Aboriginal gentleman who drummed and sang one of his songs.

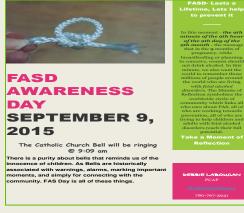
Approximately 100 people attended including professionals, families, and people affected. The Mayor of Calgary had formally declared the day as FASD Day and the Proclamation was read. They also had a minute of silence at 9:09.

## FASD Awareness Activities Cont'd...

We welcome Debbie Laboucan, PCAP Mentor for **Atikameg**, Alberta! Debbie started her position on August 31, 2015. PCAP Council commends Debbie for her creativity and collaboration! She described her work in the following:



For Sept 9, 2015 I was able to get a hold of the Catholic priest to ring the church bell at 9:09 am for a minute of reflection.



I had a poster displayed in various buildings on the reserve to try to create an awareness of the significance of FASD Awareness



I was also able to set up a
display on FASD here at our
local Health Center for the whole week.
I know it is just the beginning
stages but I hope it helped to create
a bit of positive and preventive thinking
on our reserve.
(Whitefish Lake First Nation).

The **North West FASD Network** partnered with the FASD Awareness committee in **Grande Prairie** to host a Free Pancake Breakfast at Muskoseepi Park in Grande Prairie. This event was attended by over 100 people. The Mayor and members of Council attended and read the Proclamation. Lived experience stories were shared and a local artist with an FASD displayed her artwork.

Other partners included: Accredited Supported Living Services, Grande Prairie Family Education Society, Alberta Health Services and Rotary International, and The City of Grande Prairie

# Penny's Corner

## A faster way to add a new friend!



Case files, service files, individual profiles – do you ever feel like there is too much to know about entering a new PCAP friend? While we know how much everyone loves setting up Case and Service Files, we've created a way for our Quality Assurance Analyst, Keith, to help out. Just fill out a simple form and Keith will set up the **new** individual in Penelope, ready for you to enter our new friends' documents! The Add a new PCAP **individual to Penelope** form can be found here:

https://penelope441.wordpress.com

Once the Keith completes the set up you'll be notified that your new friend is ready. You will find your friend under "My Case Load" on your Home page. Just click on their Service File

("Intake" for ASIs or "PCAP" for Biannuals) to start telling Penny more about them. Enjoy!



#### Penny's Pals: The Data **Oversight Committee**

The DOC meets regularly to look at topics related to quality assurance, data management, and reporting! Here are some of our current projects:

- Biannual Review: DOC has reviewed and updated the interview and is consulting users on the changes.
- ASI Review: Similar to the Biannual Review the ASI review will Canadianize the interview and look for other ways to improve the interview process.
- **Developing Individual** Transfer Processes to handle our PCAP friends on the move.
- Preparing sample reports for programs.

Keep all your quality convos about Penny all in one place! Penny has a great "Messaging" function that's been sitting quietly unused and unappreciated. We'd like to introduce it to users and encourage them to try it out. Who, What, Where?? - The Messages tab



hovers on the right-hand side of your Penelope screens just waiting to show off its talents to curious users. Try clicking on it the next time you want to communicate with other Penelope users. Click on

"Messages" and the screen opens up to you. You can't miss it. The little pen lets you compose a message. The big arrow on the top right closes the window. Just one more thing. Penny is quite shy and the Send button hides away in the the bold blue line at the top of the message composition box (see picture).



Select Worker Category Subject: We all love Penny

Eliminate loneliness today! Give it a try next time you have a question for Keith about something pesky Penny has done. It's a great way to keep all your Penny messages in one place. For more info,

check here: <a href="http://penelopehelp.com/2013/07/29/my-messages-2/">http://penelopehelp.com/2013/07/29/my-messages-2/</a>

Have a thing or two to say about Penny? If a you have any questions or data requests for your program, would like to obtain some Penelope training, provide feedback, or discuss anything Penelope related, please contact our Quality Assurance Analyst (Keith Covey) at: ga@alberta-pcap.ca (or try using the Messaging system in Penelope!)

# PCAP Training and Learning Opportunities

Congratulations to programs throughout Alberta that participated in PCAP Core Training in Calgary and Edmonton during Fall 2015 and are now certified!

PCAP has grown substantially in Alberta with over 40 sites at present. Our capacity for knowledge and training make Alberta the most responsive province in Canada to advocate for prevention of alcohol and drug related births. The Alberta PCAP Council has six certified facilitators who have trained many staff and supervisors on the PCAP model true to its fidelity.

Alberta PCAP Trainers, Pam van Vugt & Ashley Baxter, held PCAP Core Training from Sept 28 – 30 in Richmond, BC, in collaboration with Community Health Associates of BC and First Nation Health Authority.

There are some very helpful tips and a great video on Motivational Interviewing.

Thank you for the link Tracey Knowlton,

PCAP Supervisor at Lakeland Center for FASD!

http://fasd.alberta.ca/toolkit-video-library.aspx

#### **ASI TRAINING**

We will again have the pleasure of Ron Jackson from the University of Washington joining us on Nov 3 & 4, 2015 to offer Addiction Severity Index (ASI) Training at DoubleTree by Hilton, 16615 - 109 Ave, Edmonton. The agenda will be emailed prior to the training.

https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/pcap-addiction-severity-index-asi-training-tickets-18613591754

# PCAP Supervisor Teleconference All PCAP Supervisors Are Invited to Attend

2nd Wednesday of every month, 10-11:30am 3rd Tuesday of every month, 9-10:30am Contact pcap@telus.net for dial-in instructions

## Other Trainings

Healthy Minds/Healthy Children, Online Continuing Professional Development, Mindfulness- based therapies and FASD: The prevention conversation. Call (403) 220-4310 hmhc@albertahealthservices.ca Register at

http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/4723.asp

October 22- 23 Seminar, Violent radicalization of youth: Recognizing and responding to the vulnerability. In Ottawa. (\$175)

https://www.regonline.com/DeRadicalization2015 amy.quinn@theroyal.ca

# Recommended Training

# **Essential PCAP Training (within the first year)**

☐ Alberta PCAP Core Training (three day)	
☐ FASD Case Management	
☐ Observation and Documentation	
☐ Addiction Severity Index (ASI) Training (if applicable to position)	
☐ Outcomes Tracking Application (Penelope)	
☐ First Aid & CPR	
☐ Applied Suicide Intervention Skill Training (ASIST)	
☐ Cultural Competency	
☐ Effective Interventions for Working with Individuals Affected with FASD	an
☐ FASD 101	
☐ Relational Based Practice Training 1 & 2	
☐ Motivational Interviewing 1 & 2	
☐ Addictions Training (Alcohol and Drug Abuse Help Kit Training)	
(Alberta Health Services Addiction and Mental Health Enhanced Services fo	. 30
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(ESW))	
☐ Family Planning - Sexual Health (methods, contraception, side effe	cts)
☐ Trauma Informed Practice	•
☐ Grief and Loss	
☐ Domestic Violence/Relationship Abuse	
☐ Non-violence Crisis Intervention (Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI))	)
☐ Harm Reduction	
Suggested PCAP Training (within the first 18 months)	
☐ Alberta PCAP Refresher Training	
☐ Co-occurring Mental Disorders	
$\square$ Infant Developmental Stages (care-giving techniques with emphasi	s on
children exposed prenatally to drugs/alcohol)	
☐ Financial Literacy	
☐ Car Seat Safety for Infants and Children	
☐ Nutrition-Maternal/Infant	
☐ Public Legal Education	
☐ Breast Feeding	
☐ Compassion Fatigue	
☐ Family Law	
☐ Confidentiality and Freedom of Information and Protection of Prive	acy
(FOIP)	

## Alberta PCAP Council

To find PCAP locations in Alberta please visit: <a href="www.alberta-pcap.ca/ab-pcap-locations/">www.alberta-pcap.ca/ab-pcap-locations/</a>

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