

Research to Practice on Women and Substance Use Issues

A Lunchtime Event with the BC Centre of Excellence for Women's Health

Wednesday, August 4, 2010

Noon to 1:00 pm PDT

Two short presentations will be followed by discussions.

1) Linking trauma, mental health and addictions treatment practice

Dr. Vivian Brown will briefly discuss the findings of the Women and Co-occurring Disorders and Violence Study (WCDVS) and her work with Prototypes in California in order to highlight our need to bring evidence to practice as a way of linking and integrating the treatment of mental health, trauma and addictions concerns experienced by women.

2) Linking addictions and child welfare practice

Dr. Laurie Drabble returns to share results of recently completed research on the role of collaborative and harm reduction oriented values, for bridging the work of child welfare and addiction treatment providers as they support mothers with substance use problems.

Presenters

Vivian B. Brown, Ph.D. is the founder and recently retired Chief Executive Officer of PROTOTYPES, Centers for Innovation in Health, Mental Health, and Social Services. She has more than 40 years of experience developing innovative, community-based services, including: substance abuse treatment services; HIV/AIDS outreach, prevention, and interventions for women; specialized services for women, their children, and their families; mental health treatment and specialized co-occurring disorders interventions; trauma and domestic violence prevention and intervention services.

Laurie Drabble, Ph.D., MSW, MPH is an Associate Professor in the School of Social Work at San José State University. Dr. Drabble recently completed a study examining collaboration between addiction treatment and child welfare fields in British Columbia as a visiting scholar with the BC Centre of Excellence for Women's Health. In addition to conducting similar research in California, Dr. Drabble has been involved in other research projects related to cross-systems collaboration and alcohol and drug-related problems among marginalized populations of women. Dr. Drabble also has over 20 years of experience in the alcohol and drug field as a specialist in women's issues and, earlier in her career, served as Executive Director of the California Women's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Dependencies.



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How you can participate

In person: BC Centre of Excellence for Women's Health, E311-4800 Oak Street, Vancouver. Seating is limited, please register early.

Webcast: You can participate virtually via webcast. Instructions for this option will be sent upon registration.

Registration is required for this event. If you wish to attend, in person or via webcast, please send an email to bcccewh@cw.bc.ca by July 30, 2010.