Northern Trauma Program

UNBC Community Care Centre

The Northern Trauma Program is an initiative of Dr. Linda O'Neill, Ryan James (MEd., RCC), Dr. John Sherry, Aaron Bond (MEd, CCC), Brent Goerz (MSW) and the UNBC Community Care Centre in Prince George, BC. The focus of the program is the development and presentation of workshops and training on complex trauma, also referred to as Developmental Trauma Disorder (DTD) through trauma informed practice. The affects of early trauma are often lifelong and have implications for practitioners working with clients in the fields of addictions, education, mental health, eating disorders, probation and corrections, and other fields.

The Northern Trauma Program offers half-day, full-day, and two day workshops on complex trauma and trauma informed practice specialized to early childhood practitioners and agencies, teachers and support workers in elementary and secondary schools, and clinicians. We also offer more extensive training in a four month biweekly format for clinicians including social workers, counsellors, and psychologists who are working in Northern Health Teams. We are currently developing more skill-base training to build on the initial training and workshops and are working to deliver this training through a webbase format or by video link to more remote communities.

The following descriptions provide an overview of what the current training includes:

Clinician/Practitioner Training (4 month, 8 sessions)

Trauma from PTSD to Complex Trauma

Trauma, Brain, and Affect

Trauma Counselling Model/Phases

Trauma and Addictions

Trauma Support: Safety and Stabilization

Trauma Strategies: Remembrance and Mourning

Secondary Trauma

Trauma-Informed Practice Integration

One Day Workshop: Clinician/Practitioners

Morning:

Beginnings: From PTSD to Complex Trauma

Body and Brain: The Neurobiology of Complex Trauma

Affect Regulation and Complex Trauma

Afternoon:

Trauma Model: Trauma-informed Practice

Applying Trauma-informed Support: Strategies and Interventions for Safety and

Stabilization, Remembrance and Loss, and Reconnection

The Complex World of Secondary Trauma

Two Day Workshop: Clinicians/Practitioners

DAY ONE:

Beginnings: From PTSD to Complex Trauma Body and Brain: The Neurobiology of Trauma

Affect Regulation and Complex Trauma

DAY TWO:

Trauma Model and Strategies: Trauma-informed Practice

The Complex World of Secondary Trauma

Applying Trauma-Support Strategies to Secondary Trauma

One Day Workshop: Early Childhood Practitioners

Morning

Beginnings: From PTSD to Complex Trauma

Body and Brain: A Bit on Trauma and Neurobiology

Lunch

Sad, Mad, Happy: Affect Regulation and Complex Trauma

Practice: Interventions for Children

One Day Workshop for Teachers: Trauma-Informed Practice in the

Classroom: Understanding and Help for Children and Youth Experiencing

Complex Trauma

Morning

Beginnings: From PTSD to Complex Trauma

Body and Brain: A Bit on Trauma and Neurobiology

Lunch

Sad, Mad, Happy: Affect Regulation and Complex Trauma

Safe Practice with Children and Youth