

ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON CHILD ABUSE, NEGLECT & EXPLOITATION

The Neo Life Academy under the auspice of Touch Community Network conducted its annual Symposium on Child Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation on 4 & 5 September. In the photo is Adv Johann Engelbrecht SC, Adv Megan Myburgh & Rosalie du Plessis ED at Touch.

During the opening statement Adv Engelbrecht SC used the controversial Cezanne Visser (Adv Barbie) case to illustrate the cause and effect of 'sexual entrapment'. In defending women's rights he referred to the "Battered Woman Syndrome" whereby women (and also men) are so influenced by the abuser that they "have no will of their own". This condition is a physical-, psychological- and social abnormality which is the result of experiencing extended violent physical or sexual abuse.

A pattern of signs and symptoms, such as fear, a perceived inability to escape (or learned uselessness), depression, low self-esteem and isolation should be a red alert for their loved ones. Adv Engelbrecht said that research shows a link between a "battered women" and coercive control, sexual sadists, narcissists, psychopaths, sexual perversion with the women displaying a disintegrating personality and being a compliant victim.

The Stockholm Syndrome is another good example. Again, Touch wants to raise awareness with our parents – keep your children close to your heart. This entails open communication and trust. Your child needs to feel safe enough to share whatever the problem may be, with you.

If you need help or need more information please contact the Neo Birth Care Centre on 014-592 3363 or email us on info@neolife.org.za. Please don't miss the follow-up article next week on the First Thousand Days of a Child's Life.



TOUCH COMMUNITY NETWORK

INVITATION TO ATTEND THE 4TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON CHILD ABUSE, NEGLECT & EXPLOITATION

DATE: 4 & 5 September 2013
VENUE: Church of Jesus Christ,
152 Bethlehem Drive, Rustenburg
COSTS: R550 (incl. materials, refreshments & lunch)

TIME: 8am to 4:30pm (strictly)
RSVP: Tumo on 014-592 3363 by 31-Aug-13.
NOTE: Daily Refreshment Bags available
until 8:30am only

Raising children in our current socio-economic make-up presents so many challenges. We secretly hope that our daily decisions act in the best interest of the child but our hearts tell us there is something more we can do. This year the Symposium carries a lot of weight to equip you to address issues like:

First 1000 days in a child's life

Reading in Foundation Phase: Preventions & Interventions

Practical playful activities for brain development

Super Strategies & Sensational Games

Teen Challenges, exam anxiety, body image etc

PMTCT Strategies, basic sciences of TB, ART

Two themes: "I need to play" and "I need to grow". The purpose of this is that we need to gain understanding of our child's mind and soul to better understand what influences their behaviour. This will shed light on how we can act pro-actively to prevent abuse and/or act therapeutically in the case of abuse.

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DRAFT AGENDA: SYMPOSIUM ON CHILD ABUSE, NEGLECT & EXPLOITATION

4 Sept 13:

“I need to play”

TIME	MORNING PROGRAMME	CONTENT	NOTES
08:00	Registration & Welcome		Attendance Register
08:30	Opening Statement by: T B C Introduction to CANE Presented by: Rosalie du Plessis, Touch	Stats & Facts on impact of Abuse	
10:00	Tea, Coffee & Refreshment		
10:15-10:30	Motivational talk Presented by: Ms Debbie de Jong	Living from the inside out.	Ice breaker
10:30-11:30	First 1000 days in a child's life Presented by: Venessa T'Hart, Cotlands	Brain Development: Theory Nutrition, Health, Stimulation – impact on healthy development of a child	
11:30-12:30	Play the way forward Presented by: Venessa T'Hart, Cotlands	Brain Development: Practical Playful activities to enhance brain development in a child	Memory Boxes
12:30	Lunch		
13:30	Ready, Steady, Learn Presented by: Ms Debbie de Jong	Reading in Foundation Phase: Preventions & Interventions	7 Circles
15:00	Tea, Coffee & Refreshment		
15:30	Ready, Steady, Learn - cont -	Reading: Super Strategies & Sensational Games	Games
16:30	Closure	Evaluation	Attendance Register

5 Sept 13:

"I need to grow"

TIME	MORNING PROGRAMME	CONTENT	NOTES
08:00	Opening & Prize giving		Memory Box Competition
08:30	Motivational Presented by: Harriet Schraivesande	A Tribute to Carers	
08:30-10:00	Me, Myself & I Presented by: Harriet Schraivesande	Emotional & Physical Health Systems Check	Self-Assessment Video
10:00	Tea, Coffee & Refreshments		
10:30-12:30	Coping with Adolescence Presented by: Harriet Schraivesande	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Early teen's challenges with self-esteem, body image & peer pressure - Coping with exam anxiety & stressful events 	Role Play
12:30	Lunch		
13:30	Introduction Theme: TB, HIV & ARV's: Presented by: Dr Neil v Schalkwyk	The Basic Sciences of TB: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Signs & Symptoms; Transmission & Prevention Antiretroviral Treatment for Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tailoring Adherence & Treatment Counselling for Children PMTCT: Strategies for Infant Feeding	Booklet: Guide for TB Treatment Supporters
15:30	Tea, Coffee & Refreshment		
15:45	Question & Answer Session	Open session.	
16:30	Closure	Evaluation & Certification	Attendance Register