

Who Are We?

The Adolescent Parent Interagency Network (APIN) is a network of agencies and professionals in Manitoba that share the goal of ensuring high quality service to pregnant and parenting adolescents.

Members of APIN have linked together because of their common concern for the difficulties facing pregnant and parenting adolescents. The Network facilitates the sharing of information related to existing services and resources.

APIN members work in Manitoba in various settings, such as social work, nursing, teaching and counselling. Anyone who works with adolescent parents is welcome to participate in APIN.

There is no fee to attend the monthly lunch hour presentations or to receive the newsletter, **APIN Network News**. Lunch hour presentations take place in Winnipeg on the second Tuesday of each month (excluding December, July & August) from Noon to 1:00 p.m. Locations change monthly and are typically held at the site of the presenting agency or group. The presentations are followed by Q&A and/or discussion.

For more information, see www.apin.org. To be included on the mailing list, please contact Beth McKechnie, APIN Newsletter Editor & Coordinator. Fax: 338-4727 or e-mail: info@apin.org.



You are invited to the 2006 APIN Conference on...

Youth & Gangs

Friday, April 21st, 2006

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Doors open at 8 a.m. for registration and continental breakfast.)

Location: Victoria Inn

1808 Wellington Ave, Winnipeg
(Plenty of parking is available in the hotel lot)

Registration Fee:

\$40 in advance (\$60 after April 14)

Includes continental breakfast, morning and afternoon breaks, and buffet lunch. Please note that seating is limited.

Early bird registration until April 14th. Registrations received after that date will be charged at the higher rate.

Who Is This Conference For?

This conference is appropriate for any professional who works with adolescents and families with children at risk of gang involvement.

Visit the Information Fair

Information booths representing a variety of agencies and services will remain set up throughout the day. Come learn what is available for adolescent parents.

(To book a display table, contact Donna Paul at 948-4114 or Beth McKechnie at 339-0247.)

Please note: There will be no APIN lunch presentation in April.

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(1808 Wellington Ave)

APIN 2006 Conference

The 10th APIN Conference: April 21, 2006 YOUTH & GANGS

Registration/Continental Breakfast

(8:00 - 9:00 a.m.)

Welcome & Opening Remarks

(9:00 - 9:15 a.m.)

Melanie Nimmo – Female Gang Association

(9:15 - 10:15 a.m.)

Melanie Nimmo is a Ph.D. candidate from the University of Alberta. She teaches for the Sociology and Criminal Justice Departments at the University of Winnipeg. She will be sharing her knowledge on specific aspects of women and their involvement in gang activities, drawing from her research: The "Invisible" Gang Members: A Report on Female Gang Association in Winnipeg.

Break (10:15 - 10:30 a.m.)

Terri Hammerback – Justice Perspective

(10:30 - 11:15 a.m.)

Terri Hammerback is currently working with Youth Corrections as a Provincial Program Manager. She is responsible for the YCJA Youth Conference program, Intensive Rehabilitation Counselling Service, and is the lead person in Youth Corrections responsible for developing an integrated gang strategy. Terri will present an overview from a Youth Corrections perspective on the problem of youth gangs and the department's attempt to deal with the issue in partnership with the community.

A Personal Perspective (11:15 a.m. - Noon)

Representatives from Paa Pii Wak will speak from personal experience about gang life and its implications. Paa Pii Wak is a program designed to assist young Aboriginals who are exiting gang and negative lifestyles, by incorporating cultural and social skill development in a safe, supportive environment.

Lunch & Information Fair

(Noon - 1:00 p.m.)

Larry Morrisette – Why Youth Join Gangs

(1:00 - 1:30 p.m.)

Larry Morrisette is Manager of the Ojjiita Pimatiswin Kinamatwin (OPK) Youth Renovation Program in collaboration with the North End Housing Project. He will talk about why youth join gangs, how parents can help keep their children out of gangs, how to assist youth who want to leave a gang and the challenges, and community resources that are available to help.

Liz Wolff – Our Bright & Shining Daughters

(1:30 - 2:15 p.m.)

Therapist Liz Wolff is Program Manager of Training Resources for Youth (TRY) at New Directions. TRY is a Department of Education program that works with multiply-marginalized adolescents. She approaches the issue of gang involvement by looking at the underpinnings of that choice. She will explain how each woman must be understood in her particular ethnic/cultural context and in the context of her family: nuclear, extended, intergenerational and gang.

Break (2:15 - 2:30 p.m.)

Small Group Discussions - Staying Safe

(2:30 - 3:00 p.m.)

How do we keep our clients and their children safe from partners or ex-partners who may be involved in gangs? How do we keep our frontline workers safe in the community? When does an agency decide to pull out a worker and what are the implications of that decision? If your organization has an existing policy or protocol, bring it along to share with others during our group discussions.

Conference Wrap-up (3:00 p.m.)

To Register: Please fill out the registration form below, enclose a cheque for \$40.00 (\$60.00 after April 14) payable to the "Adolescent Parent Interagency Network" and mail both to: Enrica Herfurth, APIN Steering Committee, c/o Villa Rosa, 784 Wolseley Ave, Wpg, R3G 1C6. Receipts will be mailed up to April 18. Please note that seating is limited. If you are a student or on a limited income, let us know. Any questions, call Enrica at (204) 786-5741, ext. 236, or Beth at (204) 339-0247.

Yes, I wish to attend the APIN 2006 Conference on "Youth & Gangs"

Name: _____

Position: _____ Organization: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Early registration deadline is Friday, April 14, 2006

Please add me to the APIN Network News mailing list.