

NCTP SUMMER PROGRAM 2011

The Native Counsellor Training Program for 2011 has started for the summer at Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ontario. The Program began on July 4th with 20 students and concluded on August 5th.



2011 Annual ONECA Conference "Indian Control of Indian Education: A Legacy for Change"

"All students need to understand our inherent rights because the federal and provincial authorities continue to undermine them. We have to implement what was outlined in 1972." Regional Chief Angus Toulouse, Assembly of First Nations and Indian Control of Indian Education Panel Member for ONECA Conference.

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Aboriginal Student Transitions Report Launch

Earlier this year, ONECA took on the Information Research Project with support from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. The purpose of the research was to gather data to support the creation of web-based resources to assist First Nations, Inuit and Métis students transitioning to post-secondary education. The project was designed as a response to ONECA's research completed in 2010 entitled, "Walk in Out Moccasins: A Comprehensive Study of Aboriginal Education Counsellors in Ontario."

Two research consultants were hired to conduct this research, Luann Hill-MacDonald and Blake Bissaillon. They coordinated focus groups in all districts to gather feedback from students, parents, community members and education professionals, conducted a web-based survey and internet research.

The information collected provides a solid foundation for the creation of a web-based portal of culturally relevant and appropriate information and services to assist First Nation, Inuit and Metis students.

On May 16th, 2011, ONECA launched this report along with a supplementary resource guide. Cindy Fisher, President of ONECA, highlighted ONECA's accomplishments over the course of the past ten years. Lu Ann and Blake were on hand to share the results of the research and to field questions from the 100 participants who joined in the launch.

The research lays the foundation for the next phases of the project. Over the course of the next three years ONECA proposes to create and launch a portal that will support students, counsellors, parents and educators with assisting students in making the transition from Elementary through Post Secondary and back into the community or the workforce.

To close the ceremony, ONECA formally paid recognition to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities for their support and contribution to the project and presented them with a limited edition framed print.



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27th Annual Ontario Native Education Counselling Association Conference



"Indian Control of Indian Education: A Legacy for Change"

The 27th Annual Ontario Native Education Counselling Association Conference "Indian Control of Indian Education: A Legacy for Change" was held at the Courtyard Marriott Downtown Toronto, Ontario on May 17th, 18th, and 19th, 2011.

The three day event attracted 215 participants including guests, vendors and facilitators. Everyone had the opportunity to take advantage of the workshops, venues, keynotes, and vendor booths. The agenda was very accommodating and had topics that were appealing to everyone regardless of profession.

In total, we had 148 paid participants with representation from all districts. The group was very diverse from a variety of professions such as: school board trustees, teachers, counsellors, First Nation Education Directors, students, and other support workers.

An Indian Control of Indian Education Panel took place on May 17th with participation from Chiefs of Ontario, Assembly of First Nations, Elders from M'Chigeeng First Nation and Garden River First Nation and a student from Six Nations Grand River Territory. The panel was divided into three sections, the past, present and future:

- Addressed the formation of the Ontario Native Education Counselling Association;
- Updates on education;
- Policy changes that may be happening with regards to education; and
- What needs to be done to ensure that our students succeed.

2011/2012 ONECA ELECTION RESULTS

President: Cindy Fisher
Vice-President: Claudette Jones
Secretary: Rae Anne Hill-Beauchamp
Treasurer: Gloria Hendrick-Laliberte
Past-President: Kimberly Smith

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

Brantford: Randy Pitawanakwat
Fort Frances: Becky Kingbird
Georgian Bay: Gayle Mason Stark
James Bay: Jackie Kataquapit
Kenora: Howie Copenace
Lakehead: Lorrie Deschamps
London: Donna Smith-Sutherland
Nakina: Roberta Wesley
Peterborough: Buffy Hill
Sioux Lookout: Levi Duncan
Sudbury: Christine Toulouse

LIFE MEMBER

ONECA welcomes Graham George as a Life Member Representative on our Board of Directors. Graham was elected by the Life Members to represent them at all Board of Directors Meetings for the 2011/2012 year.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

This year's President's Counsellor of the Year Award recipient is Roger Chum of the Sudbury District. Great job Roger!



New Life Members:

Janis Adams, Fort Frances District
Joyce Madahbee, Sudbury District
Marshall George, London District
Ada Plain, London District

20 Year Members:

Gary Medicine - Fort Frances District
Nellie Trapper - James Bay District

10 Year Members:

Russell Nahdee - London District
Kimberly Nootchtai - Sudbury District
Christine Sayers - Sudbury District
Sandra Maracle - Peterborough District

Thank you to our sponsors and to those who contributed financially, to our volunteers who donated their time and to everyone who donated for the raffle/penny table to help make our conference such a great success.

OUR CONFERENCE SPONSORS 2011/2012

- **Platinum Sponsors:** Indigenous Services University of Western Ontario and Indigenous Programs Laurentian University
- **Gold Sponsors:** First Nations Technical Institute, Aboriginal Institutes Consortium, Lakehead University, First Nations Centre Fanshawe College and Anishinabek Educational Institute
- **Silver Sponsors:** Algoma University, Loyalist College and Brock University
- **Bronze Sponsors:** Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre Queen's University, Negahneewin College of Academic and Community Development and Za-Geh-Do-Win Information Clearinghouse

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FNMI Transitions Project

Aanii, Wachay, Segoo and Greetings Folks!

I have been hired as the "Transitions Researcher/Coordinator" until March 2012. I began with this amazing endeavour the 2nd week of August 2011 and am very happy to be a part of this major undertaking.

This "Transitions" project addresses "School, Career and Home Changes" that our First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) students undergo. I take the best research (strategies/resources) and provide select tools to support our people in assisting our FNMI students. Some of the amazing things (select tools) that I will be producing for ONECA are:

1. A Website for Education Counsellors, Students, Parents/Guardians, Community Members and Other Education Professionals that covers these School/Career/Life Transitions: Preschool to Elementary, Elementary to Secondary, Secondary to Post-Secondary, Post-Secondary to Post-Secondary, Post-Secondary to Work and Post-Secondary to Home.
2. 5 short educational videos on the best practices in Preschool to Elementary Transitions, Elementary to Secondary Transitions, Secondary to Post-Secondary Transitions, Success in Post-Secondary and Transitions to Work/Home.
3. A toolkit that includes informational brochures, the above videos and posters on "Transitions", and,
4. A marketing plan to highlight the successes, importance and sustainability of this project.

So far it has been a hectic two months. I have completed all the content for Phase 1 of the website and handed this over to the creative development of InvertMedia. I have completed the framework for the videos, secured participants and filming begins on October 21, 2011. I have completed the brochures with a trusted graphic artist and am in the final edit phase. I have also developed a template for the marketing plan. Now, I move into completing the workplan as submitted to the Ministry and approved by the awesome ONECA Transitions Project Steering Committee. This workplan is the final production of these 4 key deliverables. Keep your eyes and ears open for this project. "Transitions" toolkits will be coming your way through December 2011 and January 2012.

Meegwetch! Dr. Pamela Rose Toulouse.

28th Annual ONECA Conference

Planning for the 2012/2013 ONECA Conference is currently underway! This year's conference will be held at the Valhalla Inn in Thunder Bay, Ontario, May 28th, 29th, and 30th, 2012. The conference is a great opportunity to earn professional development hours, promote your school/organization, create new contacts and receive new updates and information in education.

Please check our website regularly for more information coming soon.



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Annual ONECA Conference is a prime opportunity for your organization to connect with representatives from First Nations in Ontario. We invite you to consider these value-added opportunities to support the conference and highlight your organization.

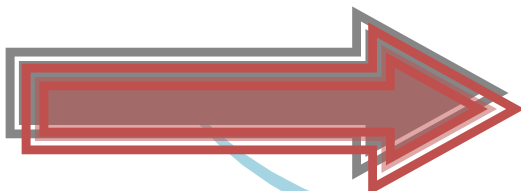
Platinum (\$1500), Gold (\$1000), Silver (\$700), Bronze (\$500), and Friends of ONECA (\$300) sponsorship levels are available. Space is limited so please do not miss out on this wonderful opportunity. Logos must be provided to ONECA in a .pdf document and will be 2"x1" in size when placed on the conference bags.

ONECA Scholarships 2011

The Scholarship Committee is currently reviewing all submissions for the Colin Wasacase Scholarship and Four Directions Scholarship.

We thank all applicants for their submissions!

2011 Native Youth Essay/Poster Contest



Essays and Posters are due:

November 30, 2011

Native Counsellor Training Program 2011

Congratulations to our 2011 NCTP Graduates!

*Catherine Fox;
Joel Johnson;
Heather Moore;
Sara "Jill" Thompson; and
Lynn Turner*



The Native Counsellor Training Program commenced from July 4, 2011 - August 5, 2011 and took place at Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ontario. A total of 20 students were enrolled in this year's program of which 7 were Part I students, 8 were Part II students, and 5 were Part III students. The NCTP did not have any students enrolled in the enriched program this year.

The NCTP welcomed Pamela Dokis (Program Coordinator), Anita Butterfly (Guidance I and II Instructor), Cyd Deline (Education Systems in Ontario and Information Processing and Career Planning Instructor), Peter Beaucage (Male Elder and Native Issues Instructor), Jennifer Petahtegoose (Sociology of Native People Instructor and Part Time Day Camp Educator), Loretta Assinewai-Plume (Counselling I and II Instructor), Kelly Lee Assinewe (Part III Placement Supervisor), Hilda Nadjiwan (Female Elder), Teresa Flammand (Native Student Advisor), Jessica Maniowabi (Day Camp Educator), Jessica Commanda (Day Camp Educator), and Brenda McGregor (Administrative Assistant).



The program was a great success and we were able to maintain and embed the language into all facets of the program. Although there is diversity amongst the group and different linguistic dialects, the language appears to be a key component in ensuring that the program remains grounded.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Shirley Ashawasega Award Recipients:

Part I Naomi Sarazin
Part III Catherine Fox
Part II Malvina Echum

These students exhibited the most outstanding achievement in their personal healing and academic development.

Anita Hill Memorial Sports Award Recipient:

Part I Deanna Desjarlais

This award was presented to Deanna for her display of humour and outstanding sportsmanship abilities as an NCTP community member.



ONTARIO NATIVE EDUCATION COUNSELLING ASSOCIATION

NATIVE YOUTH ESSAY/POSTER CONTEST 2011

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
Age 4-9	Create a poster on 8 1/2 x 11 showing things we can learn about our culture. Give a brief description as to why we should learn about our culture and the message your poster is trying to project.
Age 10-12	Write a one page essay, double spaced, on what education means to you. Why is it important?
Age 13-15	Write a one page essay, double spaced, on what education means to you and what are your goals for the future. What do you want to be when you grow up?
Age 16-18	Write a 2 page essay, double spaced, about your educational goals for the future.
Age 19+	Write a 2 page essay, double spaced, about someone who has been a positive influence in assisting you with your pursuit of higher learning.
Special Needs	Write a one page essay double spaced about someone who has been a positive role model in your life and how they have influenced your education.



ALL posters must be submitted on 8½"x11" paper with NAME, AGE, GRADE, NAME OF SCHOOL AND ARTIST SIGNATURE



ALL essays must be double spaced, typed or printed on white 8½"x11" paper with your NAME, AGE, GRADE AND NAME OF SCHOOL

**SUBMISSION
DEADLINE:**

**NOVEMBER
30TH. 2011**

****PLEASE INDICATE THE CATEGORY AND CONTACT INFORMATION WITH YOUR SUBMISSION****

CASH PRIZES

1ST PLACE: \$100.00

2ND PLACE: \$50.00

3RD PLACE: \$25.00

IN EACH AGE GROUP

Please send submissions to:

Essay/Poster Contest
Ontario Native Education Counselling
Association
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