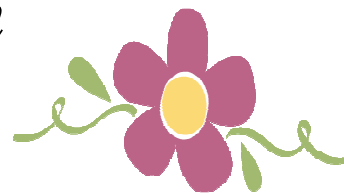




Family Living Program Winter / Spring 2010



Catholic Social Services' Family Living Program
is now offering winter / spring workshops. If you would like more information
or to register, please contact Kari Boulton, FLP Coordinator, at 780-420-6081.

*** LIMITED SUBSIDIES AND / OR PAYMENT PLANS ARE AVAILABLE. ***

Handling Anger Level One

\$300 / person

February 4 – April 8, 2010 (ten Thursday evenings) from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm at Catholic Social Services East Office (8212 – 118 Avenue in Room 035).

This workshop is designed to help you learn how to handle your anger effectively. The goal is to learn to express anger in a healthy way without hurting others, yourself or your relationships. By the end of the program, you will have practised and begun to integrate new behaviours in communication and personal problem solving and become aware of the underlying “triggers” for your anger. Topics included are: anger and its uses, sources of anger, understanding the anger cycle, becoming familiar with what makes us angry, learning alternative ways of expressing anger and dealing with rage, and learning how to use anger appropriately to enhance your relationships at work and in your personal life. Facilitators: Irene Mitrowka and Carol Smith

Mindfulness & Mastery of Emotions Level One

\$250 / person

February 16 – April 8, 2010 (eight Tuesday evenings) from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm at Catholic Social Services South Office (8815 – 99 Street in the 3rd Floor Boardroom).

Do you feel easily overwhelmed by and react strongly to emotions? Do you find it hard, as a result, to build healthy relationships? In this program you will learn to develop skills in paying full attention to your apparent "uncontrollable" emotions, thoughts and sensations and, learn to master your emotions more effectively. This will enable you to enhance your social and occupational functioning and thus, build a much more peaceful relationship not only with yourself, but others. This program is based on M. Linehan's Dialectical Behavioral Therapy model. Referrals are welcome. Facilitator: Diana Yiu, M.S.W., Clinical Social Worker.

Overcoming Depression Level One

\$300 / person

February 22 – May 3, 2010 (ten Monday evenings) from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm at Catholic Social Services East Office (8212 – 118 Avenue in Room 035).

Are you feeling depressed, anxious or have low self-esteem? A lot of why we feel depressed, have low self-esteem, or have trouble being happy, stems in part from our choices, and our lack of tools to handle happy and sad situations. In this workshop you will learn to enjoy greater happiness, embrace hope, be more productive and love life. You will be able to change your thoughts and make better choices for more self-fulfilment. Topics included are: measuring your moods, identifying your personal goals, modifying negative thoughts, understanding what self-esteem is and how to get it! The "Ten Days to Self-Esteem" Workbook AND the "Feeling Good Handbook" by David D. Burns, M.D. are both included in this workshop. Remember you FEEL the way you THINK and you can CHANGE the way you FEEL. Facilitator: Debbie Hart

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Handling Anger Level One

\$300 / person

March 24 – May 26, 2010 (ten Wednesday evenings) from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm at Catholic Social Services East Office (8212 – 118 Avenue in Room 035).

This workshop is designed to help you learn how to handle your anger effectively. The goal is to learn to express anger in a healthy way without hurting others, yourself or your relationships. By the end of the program, you will have practised and begun to integrate new behaviours in communication and personal problem solving and become aware of the underlying “triggers” for your anger. Topics included are: anger and its uses, sources of anger, understanding the anger cycle, becoming familiar with what makes us angry, learning alternative ways of expressing anger and dealing with rage, and learning how to use anger appropriately to enhance your relationships at work and in your personal life. Facilitators: Gail Gosse and Dixie Estrin

Couples Communication

\$450 / couple

April 13 – June 15, 2010 (ten Tuesday evenings) from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at St. Andrew’s Centre (12720 – 111 Avenue in the Northwest Room except on April 27 and May 25 it will be in the Boardroom).

Do you want to reconnect with your partner? Learn practical and effective communication techniques to make your relationship the formula for success. Explore your differences and learn to support each others’ dreams and goals. Find out if you are truly “listening” to “hear” what your partner has to say and vice versa. Lots of issues and areas of concern are covered in this ten week program including strengthening and/or developing new skills in communicating, different communication styles, problem solving, negotiating, intimacy and learning how to “turn toward each other instead of away”. Included is “The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work” by John M. Gottman for each of you to start reconnecting with your partner! Facilitator: Irene Mitrowka

Mindfulness & Mastery of Emotions Level Two

\$250 / person

April 20 – June 8, 2010 (eight Tuesday evenings) from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm at Catholic Social Services South Office (8815 – 99 Street in the 3rd Floor Boardroom).

Prerequisite: Mindfulness & Mastery of Emotions Level One. This workshop aims to review and examine the concepts learnt previously in Mindfulness and Mastery of Emotions Level One in further details, in relation to four personality and anxiety subtypes and to further refine interpersonal effectiveness skills. Facilitator: Diana Yiu, M.S.W., Clinical Social Worker.

Overcoming Depression Level Two

\$250 / person

May 10 – July 19, 2010 (ten Monday evenings) from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm at Catholic Social Services East Office (8212 – 118 Avenue in Room 035).

Prerequisite: Overcoming Depression Level One. We will further explore and practise strategies and tools for staying out of depression, decreasing anxiety and building self esteem. Understanding the role of grief in depression, staying in touch with our feelings, modification of negative thoughts, setting goals and changing behavioral patterns are some of the many topics that will be addressed in this course. You FEEL the way you THINK and you can CHANGE the way you THINK, therefore CHANGING the way you FEEL. Learn to love yourself and life can be filled with hope, happiness, love and productivity. Facilitator: Debbie Hart

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Setting Healthy Boundaries

\$250 / person

June 2 – August 4, 2010 (ten Wednesday evenings) from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at Catholic Social Services East Office (8212 – 118 Avenue in Room 035).

A boundary or limit is how far we can go with comfort. Having an awareness of boundaries and limits will help you to discover who you are. Without boundaries, it would be hard to define yourself or have a healthy self. One of the keys to your boundaries is knowing your inner life (includes your beliefs, thoughts, feelings, values, decisions, choices and experiences). In our day-to-day experiences, we have many opportunities for growth. That growth includes the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual realms of your awareness, experience and consciousness. Awareness of our boundaries help us in that growth (personally and professionally). This program is designed to help you handle the daily demands of life in a way that protects your time and energy for the things that matter. It can help you to be clearer about what to include and what to leave out, so that you can fill the spaces of your life with the people, activities, and pursuits that are truly yours. Facilitator: Irene Mitrowka

New Beginnings Retreat

\$450 / person

September 24 – 26, 2010 (Friday at 7:00 pm – Sunday at noon) at Star of the North Retreat Centre (3A St. Vital Avenue in St. Albert). Full buffet meals and single accommodations are included in the cost.

New Beginnings is a retreat designed to help those who have lost a life partner through separation, divorce, or death. This retreat is for those wishing to focus on making a new beginning in their lives. Through a reflective process and sharing with others, this retreat provides an opportunity to grieve, to accept, and to make a "new beginning" after the loss. You will learn how to develop an action plan for moving beyond losses and it will help understand the emotional and physical effects of grief and the stages of grieving. Grief often makes us feel "stuck" in our lives with no idea how to move on. This class is designed to help you recognize where you are stuck and how to move forward towards a new life that offers hope and peace. We ask that participants be at least 6 months past their loss so that they are at a point where they are ready to explore how to move through the grief and look towards a new beginning. Facilitator: Tracey Taylor

Handling Anger Level Two

\$250 / person

Dates to be announced.

Prerequisite: Handling Anger Level One. This is an opportunity to review and continue to incorporate the skills learned in Handling Anger Level One. This workshop is designed to help you understand that anger is a secondary emotion and to identify the incident or behaviour that triggered your anger. You will also understand what this behaviour means and the skills that you can use to work through the emotion and resolve the anger. Facilitator: TBA

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[You Just Don't Get It](#)

[\\$50 / person](#)

January 25 and February 1, 2010 (two Monday evenings) from 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm at Strathcona High School (10450 – 72 Avenue); a light supper will be provided from 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: January 20, 2010.

Parents and Teens: Do you find yourselves having the same conversation over and over or arguing about the same issue without getting any results? Are you tired of that yet? **You Just Don't Get It** is an introductory communication and conflict resolution workshop for Parents and Teens. On the first night, you and your teen will learn skills in communication such as how to appropriately express yourself and gain a better understanding of others and to help you become a better listener. On the second night you and your teen will learn skills to help identify your conflict styles and develop a step by step plan for resolving conflict and solving problems. Facilitators: Mediators from the Parent Teen Mediation program who are trained professionals skilled in communication and conflict resolution.

**To register or to get more information for this program ONLY –
call 780-471-1122 ext. 2557
and speak with the Parent Teen Mediation Program Coordinator.**

Workshop Registration: Registrations are taken on a first come, first served basis. Register early to reserve your place in the workshop. (Catholic Social Services reserves the right to cancel scheduled workshops if a minimum number of registrants is not achieved. Full refunds will be issued in such instances).

Refund Policy: Refunds will only be issued if a workshop registration is cancelled at least (7) days prior to the start of a workshop. A \$50 administration fee will be charged for cancellations. **NO refunds will be made for non-attendance at workshops.**

How to Register: Call 780-420-6081 to register or you can drop by the office (10709 – 105 Street) and speak with the Family Living Program Coordinator. We accept Visa, MasterCard, Debit Card, Money Order, Cheque and / or Post-Dated Cheques or Cash.

Fees: Our workshops are affordable; we can set up a payment plan that works for you.

Special Note: You must be 18 years of age to register for a workshop.

Workshop Leadership: Our workshop facilitators have post-secondary education in Social Work, Psychology, Marital and Family Therapy, Education, or Life Management Skills Certification. Your facilitator has extensive experience and is a team leader with skills and education in group process, leadership skills, and crisis intervention.



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