

# NR.FFS20.005SG-IE Community Conferencing Facilitator Training Workshop



PRESENTED BY

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| December 03, 2019 | 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM |
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LOCATION

**Stonebridge Hotel - 12102-100 Street**

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## Program

This 3 day workshop is geared to those interested in learning more about a transformative, collaborative approach to resolving conflict and attendance concerns.

Community Conferencing is a restorative process where a person or persons who have caused harm is provided the opportunity to take responsibility and be directly accountable to those harmed through a facilitated face-to-face meeting. Those who have been harmed have an opportunity to express how they have been impacted and a direct say in how the harm can be repaired. Community Conferencing provides an opportunity for reintegration of the person(s) causing harm and those harmed, back into the classroom and school. In cases where attendance is the presenting concern, the harm looks a bit different but the process remains the same with all parties involved having a chance to talk about what is happening, how they are impacted and how to move forward in a better way.

This is a process that effectively supports principles of respect, responsibility, accountability and empathy. It also supports changes to Alberta's *Education Act* which require boards to provide support for students who engage in inappropriate behaviour as well for those who are impacted by it. In a supportive process, students are able to take responsibility for behaviors and contribute in a meaningful way to the resolution. Students who have been harmed are also able to contribute to the outcome. Parents and supporters are invited to participate and are able to express how they have been impacted as well as have a voice in the outcome.

This training will result in participants gaining a thorough understanding of the philosophy and theory behind restorative practice and the community conferencing process, the actual process and the skills involved in facilitating a conference for attendance concerns as well as conflict. Opportunities to participate in and facilitate mock conferences will be part of this training.

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## Presenters

### **Caroline Gosling-Missal**

Caroline retired from Edmonton Public Schools after 35 years as an educator. During that time she taught at elementary, junior and senior high, was a behaviour consultant, and a principal at several schools. Caroline also spent time seconded to both Alberta Children's Services and Alberta Education focusing on supports for children, youth and families considered vulnerable and creating welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments.

She holds a Masters degree in Educational Leadership and a Restorative Justice Certificate from Simon Fraser University. In her 'semi-retirement' Caroline continues to work with schools, districts and other organizations to build and enhance school culture through restorative practices. Caroline is an instructor and coach with the International Institute for Restorative Practices and currently sits on the board of the Alberta Restorative Justice Association. In addition Caroline has sat on the board of the Zebra Child Protection Centre and the Hope Foundation of Alberta.

### **Sue Hopgood**

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