



THE 2020  
**CONTINUUM**  
CONFERENCE  
25 Years of Reflection

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**THE CONTINUUM**  
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# Celebrating 25 Years!

Although we cannot be together, we did not want the Continuum's 25th Anniversary to go by unnoticed. We have compiled some reflections to commemorate this milestone!



# 25 Years in Review!

## FOUNDED IN 1995

The Continuum of Services of Adolescents Who Have Engaged in Sexually Abusive Behaviour grew out of a small group of clinicians in Toronto who met to discuss and coordinate their work with youth who have engaged in sexually abusive behaviour.

## LEADERSHIP

Since 1995, The Continuum has endeavoured to provide leadership in their field. Our annual conference has provided up-to-date training on a variety of topics related to the assessment and treatment of youth who have engaged in sexually abusive behaviour.

## A COALITION OF AGENCIES

Still true to its origins, The Continuum continues to be a coalition of agencies and individuals committed to reducing sexual violence and protecting the community.

## CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!

Reflecting on 25 years of The Continuum, we recognize that words matter. The words we use can influence people's perceptions, attitudes, and actions. As such, The Continuum will undergo a name change to: "The Continuum of Services for Adolescents Who Have Engaged in Sexually Abusive Behaviour".

CONTINUUM OF SERVICES FOR  
RECENT SEX OFFENDERS PRESENTS:

Continuum of Services for Adolescent  
Sexual Offenders Presents

Women's College  
Auditorium  
76 Greenville Avenue  
(Near College & University)

**Estimate Offence Recidivism**  
A structured clinical assessment tool designed to estimate the risk of sexual reoffense for adolescent sexual offenders. Developed at the SAFE-T Program by [Name] & Tracey Curwen

OISE Auditorium  
252 Bloor Street  
Bloor and Bedford,  
St. George Street Subway  
2001

February 21, 2001  
10:00am - 3:00pm

Presented by:  
Dr. James R. Worling, C.Psych.  
Psychologist, SAFE-T Program  
(Sexual Abuse: Family Education  
& Treatment)

### EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Although the two incest ratios were different among any persons of blood primarily to it is generally assumed to be the same in father-daughter relationships. The sexual abuse of daughters by fathers has received considerable attention in professional and popular literature in recent years, but there have been fewer references on the incidence of incest between siblings. Sibling incest is probably the most underreported of all abusive relationships because it often borders on incestuous play and experimentation. Those of us working with these clients will enjoy the book, *devised by the Coauthors, incest, incest, incest*, 1991 (see p. 63). We

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**The Staff Training Committee**

Final arrangements for the "Exploring the clinical day," which will take place "Where an Adolescent has Confirmed Incest", which will take place February 25th at the North York Education, 5050 Yonge Street. We had hoped to confirm the number by February 5th, we may be able to moderate later registrations. All 5th, please call Alice Olsen 0650, ext 238 (not 328 as in registration form) to see if space

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Editor's Note: The start of the school year is over and it is time to get back to work.

For many of us, the end of the year usually signals that summer is over. But this time around, we've had to buckle down and really focus again. For most of us, it's been a long time since we've felt those feelings at New Year's and the dread of starting a new year.

Well, here it is October and I can't get out of my head about the new year. I don't think I'm alone. I know you're all up with some resolutions too.

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The way you can help me over is to send in your thoughts, ideas, suggestions, interests, needs, etc. with youth who usually offend. I am of committee member agency of committee you folks are thinking the rest of the next few months. Please the next few months.

has some good ideas. Funding new newsletters. I find it has been valuable to me that I can continue, but we need to be reading this newsletter more often. I do not know me a voice mail (anonymous) if you wish 2722 ext 152 or e-mail. We are desperate for a solution to this newsletter. I am interested in your response.

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Message

As a holiday break for Laurine, I have selected excerpts from a Guest Editorial by Jon J. Kear-Cowell Ph.D., F.B.P.s, S.C.Psychol., found in the International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology.

"The treatment of individuals who have committed several offenses is complex and carries with it dual responsibilities, first to the offender and second to the community."

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## Committee Reports

**The Legal Issues**

In the early days of the Committee, we began to develop a format for the discussion we elected to use. We decided on a format, placing it in which they might be discussed. One of the first things we did was to discuss them.

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Spotlight  
Wallenberg Centre  
ages 8-10

Recent Review  
Conference

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Across Canada, 34% of females and 13% of males reported sexual victimization before the age of 18, and 60% of victims never report the incident to police.

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**Background**

The following information was obtained from the National Center for Child Abuse and Neglect's "Child Welfare Statistics Report." The report states that child abuse and neglect are among the most serious threats to children's health and well-being.

**Prevalence**

In 1987, approximately 1 million children were victims of child abuse or neglect. This figure represents a significant increase over the past decade, as the number of reported cases rose from about 600,000 in 1977 to nearly 1 million in 1987.

**Types of Abuse**

Child abuse and neglect can take many forms, including physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, and neglect. Physical abuse involves the use of force or violence against a child, while sexual abuse involves the use of force or coercion to engage a child in sexual activity. Emotional abuse involves the use of words or actions to harm a child's self-esteem or mental health. Neglect involves the failure to provide a child with basic needs, such as food, shelter, and medical care.

**Risk Factors**

Several factors have been identified as being associated with child abuse and neglect. These include poverty, substance abuse, mental illness, and family conflict. Children living in low-income families are at a higher risk of experiencing abuse or neglect than those in middle- or high-income families. Similarly, children whose parents have a history of substance abuse or mental illness are also at a higher risk.

**Consequences**

Child abuse and neglect can have severe and long-lasting consequences for a child's development. Victims may experience physical injuries, emotional trauma, and behavioral problems. In some cases, abuse or neglect can lead to chronic health problems, such as asthma or depression. Additionally, children who have been abused or neglected are more likely to become involved in delinquent behavior or to experience difficulties in their relationships later in life.

**Prevention**

There are several strategies that can be used to prevent child abuse and neglect. These include providing support and resources to at-risk families, implementing mandatory reporting laws, and increasing public awareness of the signs and symptoms of abuse and neglect. Community-based programs that offer counseling and other services to families can also play a role in preventing abuse and neglect.

**Conclusion**

Child abuse and neglect are major public health problems that require ongoing attention and action. By understanding the prevalence, types, risk factors, consequences, and prevention strategies associated with these issues, we can work to protect children and promote their healthy development.

Specialized treatment for adolescent offenders is focused on a number of goals

## Our Evolution

Our roots run deep

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workshops

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2001 to 2020

# THE CONTINUUM

Of Services for Adolescents Who Have Sexually Offended

Getting on Board:  
Bringing Together Systems,  
Services and Communities

## Conference Program

# THE CONTINUUM

Of Services for Adolescents Who Have Sexually Offended

Conference Registration  
& Information Package

MAY  
7 & 8  
2018

Bridging the Gaps between  
Research and Prevention

Featuring:  
**Dr. Michael F. Caldwell, Psy.D.**  
Decline in Juvenile Sexual Recidivism Rates  
for Assessment and Treatment  
**Dr. Ryan T. Shields, Ph.D.**  
Help Wanted: A Public Health Approach to  
Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse

Location:  
Novotel Hotel, North York  
3 Park Home Avenue  
North York, ON M2N 6L3  
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# THE 2020 CONTINUUM CONFERENCE

## SEXUAL VIOLENCE: NAME IT, FACE IT, END IT!

4 & 5  
MAY  
2020

Novotel Hotel  
3 Park Home Avenue  
North York, Ontario



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## OUR REFLECTIONS



### CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY NIPISSING & PARRY SOUND

“Throughout the years, The Continuum Conference has been a source of current evidence based practices, which has shaped the way we deliver our services. We have always left the conference, having gained new information and a sense of support and validation from fellow professionals. Thank you to Radius, and to all who help organize this conference, as you are an invaluable source of knowledge, and even more important, an escape from the snow and black flies of Northern Ontario.”

**Community Support Team of Nipissing/Parry  
Sound and Muskoka**

## GAELA MINTZ

"It has been a pleasure serving on the Continuum Committee with caring and passionate professionals from 2010-2018. The community of practice that was fostered through this committee is truly unique - as it is rare to sit on a committee that cross-pollinates in a field with clinicians, probation, child welfare, court workers and prevention educators. I feel incredibly fortunate for the opportunities I have had meeting experts and leaders in the field both locally and internationally. I have gained incredible knowledge from my participation, but I am most thankful for the professional relationships and friendships I have made over my time with this committee. Congratulations on 25 years of partnerships, education, and a commitment to serving vulnerable youth. Thank you for letting me play a small role in this journey."





## ANDREA DUNCAN

“I would like to thank the many staff and volunteers who have worked hard to put on the yearly Continuum to support individuals in the field. Unlike the United States the GTA offers very little in regards to conferences and trainings to support youth with sexualized behaviour. I started attending The Continuum when I joined the sexual abuse treatment program in 2011 and I believed I have only missed one of the Continuum conferences to date. Keep up the good work and I look forward to attending future Continuums.”



## PETER HOAG

“As I recall, there was some political pressure after a few reports in the newspapers about a rash of adolescents with developmental delays offending in the community. The Advocates Office wanted a review of what sort of treatment was being offered throughout the province. A survey was prepared and sent out to all agencies around Ontario and the returning responses had a number of programs indicating they did do “Offence Specific Treatment”. But what that really meant was that they were filling their beds with youth who had offended but had no evidence based treatments or interventions. I believe Dr. Tracey Curwen headed the collection of data. The Committee to research this was made up of Continuum members, but I mostly remember Rick Owens and Jim Worling as actively involved. Upon presenting these findings to the Minister, funding was made available for province-wide training.”





## RESILIENCE CONNECTIONS NIAGARA TEAM SHARLENE SMITH AND KIM MADDEN

“Congratulations to all of those who have made the Continuum a success these past 25 years!

We appreciate both the focus and honoring of collaborative and multidisciplinary team work in providing service to adolescents. The information and knowledge we have gained from the various presenters has been invaluable, as has the opportunity to meet new colleagues or strengthen previous connections. We were honoured to be awarded the Jim Shea award. To be recognized and acknowledged for the work we do brought immense pride to our team!”

## HEATHER BARBOUR

“Jim Shea had a vision. He believed not only in the young people and their families that we worked with, but in the therapists he gathered round. Presenting at The Continuum has been an extension of that belief. Being able to share with the larger community the work we are trying with youth has been an opportunity for us to build our practice-based evidence. A way to create our larger reflective practice. It has given me the courage to try things when there was yet a road map to follow. I hope and believe The Continuum gives our community of practitioners an annual time to reflect, share and learn together.”





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April 29, 2020



### Continuum Conference and Jim Shea Awards

Youth Connections and Fostering Family Relations has operated residential treatment programs offering supports to boys and girls who present with sexual boundary issues since 1998. We have worked closely throughout this time with professionals from similar agencies and in consult with therapists who have close affiliations with The Continuum.

Our staff have attended The Continuum Conference on a yearly basis for the past 20 years. This allows us to network with a group of professionals who provide fresh insights into addressing the needs of our clients.

The presentations are informative and allow us to keep pace with Best Practices. The staffing group looks forward to participating and usually leave with refreshing ideas.

We have been fortunate enough to receive recognition from this esteemed group of peers via The Jim Shea Award. Our St. Catharines unit as a collective body in addition to two of our Fostering Family Relations managers/parents have been rewarded for their exemplary service. This award provides a sense of notoriety and appreciation for positive efforts that often go unnoticed within this field.

The majority of our contracted therapists attend this conference also. These people are extremely valuable to our agency and this conference provides a pronounced opportunity for everyone (clinicians, associated peers, staff) to interface and to ultimately provide enhanced supports to our children.

Wyatt Johns  
Executive Director





## JEAN GAUTHIER

“Being a Probation Officer for 30 years and during that time specializing with youth that have offended sexually, I have enjoyed and depended on the knowledge and expertise I received on a yearly basis attending The Continuum Conference.

I attended most years during my career and always appreciated the cutting edge research and hands on tools, techniques and strategies that were provided during the workshops that I could take back and adopt into my practice. Working with youth that offend sexually can be a very challenging and yet rewarding experience and sharing our experiences and practices with like-minded individuals was always extremely helpful. The connections I made as well as the resources and contacts I established over the years made the service I provided to my clients much richer, appropriate and practical.

I was also honoured to receive the Jim Shea award at one of these conferences for my continued work and involvement with this population and this acknowledgment was greatly appreciated as I was not from a clinical background but from a case management direct intervention role.

I would greatly encourage anyone who is interested in enhancing their knowledge and skills working with this unique population to attend and the breaks, snacks and food are pretty amazing too.”



## SHELLEY KAVANAUGH

"I had the privilege to present at the 2013 Continuum; Promoting Healthy Outcomes Through Innovative Approaches with Keynote Speaker John Briere. Sharing how expressive arts plays an integral role in facilitating health and wellness for youth and the community through an experiential workshop was such a great experience. Equally as gratifying has been the experience of learning from incredibly diverse and gifted speakers."



Expanding Your  
Tool Kit:  
Using expressive  
arts to engage  
at risk youth

## NANCY FALLS

“It was with great honor and gratitude that I accepted the Jim Shea award in 2017. As I reflect over the years that I have been involved in working with youth who have engaged in sexually harming behaviors, the professional connections I have made, and the learning I have done through the Continuum, four words come to mind that capture my experience: To listen, To learn, To gather and To share.

**To Listen** with compassion and understanding to the children, youth, and families who have placed their trust in us as professionals and to listen to the varying professional perspectives as we work towards a common goal.

**To Learn** as a life-long endeavor –we learn not only from every encounter with our clients, the Continuum has provided a valuable and cost- effective opportunity to learn and grow as professionals.

**To Gather people and resources.** Jim Shea was exceptional at gathering a group of passionate and talented clinicians and I was very fortunate to have that opportunity to be a clinical consultant. The Continuum has provided the forum for us to gather as professionals who do this unique and challenging work. Being a part of the organizing committee for a number of years has allowed me to make and maintain connections with those who I otherwise would not have had the opportunity.

**To Share.** The Continuum has been an opportunity for us to gather and so generously share our knowledge. We have valued and highlighted the many accomplishments of our local and Canadian talent.

In summary, the Continuum has provided: the environment where people can share freely their struggles in the work, the up to date research and clinical perspective to further our understanding of how we help youth who have offended sexually and their families, and the opportunity develop lasting professional connections. **Congratulations on 25 years.”**







## RICK OWENS

“I was - and still am - quite grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of the Continuum, especially in those early days. It provided me a chance to work with and learn from some of the best and brightest folks in this field and in this part of the world. For the first couple of years on the Steering Committee I felt like the kid who finally graduates to sitting with the grown-ups (I'm thinking particularly of folks like Jim Worling and Judy Tudiver, both of whom were 11 feet tall, as I recall, and exceptionally good at what they did). The Steering, Training and Legal Issues Committees were each populated by a wonderful group of people committed to the larger project of supporting the work of the broader community of folks working with youth who had sexually offended. The Continuum was a great idea back then and has remained so for 25 years. My thanks to the folks who started it, and to all those who have kept it going for so many years!”





## PROBATION OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

Congratulations to the Continuum on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Conference!



The Continuum has been an example to POAO in advocating for research based best practices in our work with complex cases involving sexual harm. POAO is pleased to highlight our Association at this venue. We look forward to an ongoing affiliation. We feel our collective goals, particularly related to professional development of Probation Officers in the youth and adult fields, can improve outcomes for our clients, families and communities.

#Wegotyou

Founded in 1952

#MembershipMatters



## KEVIN MCNAMEE

“Over many years my involvement with The Continuum has provided me with the opportunity to network with people who are leaders in the field of sexual offence specific counselling. The learning opportunities and knowledge gained have helped me to become more confident and knowledgeable in my work which translates to better outcomes for the youth we serve.

The personal contacts I have made have been invaluable. Without The Continuum I don't know where we would gather, locally, to share our knowledge, research and expertise. Please continue this important work and congratulations on the 25 year anniversary”



## TRACEY CURWEN

“I was involved in the early stages of the Continuum, which was part of my introduction to the field; I learned a great deal at that time, including the value of multi-systemic collaboration. The Continuum has maintained the vision by nurturing and growing those initial collaborative goals, which have resulted in an invaluable clinical, practical, and research alliance.

During my first meeting with Jim Shea, his warm professionalism was evident. My fond memories of Jim include his commitment to providing youth with a safe and nurturing environment, fed by good clinical and research knowledge. I was grateful to receive the Jim Shea Award and I am still honoured to have my name associated with his.”



## MICHAEL DAVIS

“The Continuum has had a significant influence on my practice, both by introducing me to other clinicians working with this population and to new ideas in regards to our work. I remember the newsletter that The Continuum used to send out in the late 90’s. During a time when the internet was still in its infancy the newsletter kept us updated on research and training in the GTA area. I also consider it an honour to have served on the legal issues and conference committee and through those experiences I met many wonderful people.”





## DR. JAMES WORLING

“The Continuum was initiated by Dr. Judy Tudiver, Ph.D., C.Psych., a psychologist at the J. D. Griffin Centre in Toronto. In the Spring of 1995, Judy contacted a few colleagues in Toronto who also worked at agencies providing services to adolescents who had offended sexually; with the goal of addressing service gaps and sharing resources. I was fortunate enough to be one of the people invited to the first meeting and to continue to work with Judy to address this goal.

Many dedicated individuals from several different agencies in Southern Ontario assisted with our goals of training, information sharing, and working to address the gaps in services. In 2002, with helpful guidance from Rick Owens and Jim Shea, we changed our name once again to the “Continuum of Services for Adolescents Who Sexually Offend” to move away from labelling youth as “offenders”.

It was a tremendous privilege for me to have been involved in the inception and early development of the Continuum, and I was honoured to speak at several of the annual conferences between 1996 and 2017. I hope that Dr. Tudiver’s vision of collaborative and enhanced services for youth who have offended sexually continues into the future.”

(excerpt from <http://www.drjamesworling.com/continuum.html> )

## FRANCA IANNOTTA

“As a regular attendee, I always feel privileged to be amongst such a group of committed clinicians. People come from so many different settings and different disciplines all with the same goal of improving their learning to enable their work with adolescents to be the best it can be. We often under estimate our local expertise, and the Continuum reminds us to look around and recognize the home grown talent! In presenting the Jim Shea award to Nancy Falls, I was honoured to acknowledge the contribution of a valued colleague and friend because Jim was one of my two mentors in the field, the other being Geraldine Crisci.”



**DR. DANA COSTIN**  
**DR. SIEGI SCHULER**

“It was our honour to both present at the Continuum Conference and also attend the Conference for many years. Since it was first formed by a number of forward-thinking colleagues, the Continuum membership has provided a much needed, relied upon, and respected community of practice, research, and education for clinicians, researchers, other professionals, and students who are engaged in prevention and intervention with adolescents who have caused sexual harm. The Continuum Conference always felt like a welcoming environment for important dialogue and education about the challenges, successes, and evolution of our field, especially at times when it felt as though there were so few of us engaged in this work. As much as we valued the lessons learned at each Conference, it was equally important to both of us that the annual Continuum Conference was also a time to socialize, catch up, and laugh with colleagues and friends from both near and far, and to establish and deepen connections that were often both professional and personal. We strongly believe that the fondness and respect demonstrated through the Continuum collaborations over the years helped to shape the very collaborative and supportive nature of our field in Ontario. Involvement with the Steering Committee (for Siegi) for a number of years was formative in developing an interest in addressing system issues and promoting system collaborations. It was particularly humbling and sentimental (for Siegi) to receive the Jim Shea award at the 2013 Conference, as this award honours an individual who was both my friend and very first mentor in this important work. We look back on our many experiences with the Continuum with fondness, and we are so proud and honoured to be involved in saluting the Continuum membership and leadership, both past and present, in celebrating this incredible 25-year milestone of collaboration, community, and commitment to exemplary practice.”





## NEW PATH YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

“The Continuum Conference has provided New Path and the staff who have attended the opportunity to stay connected in a field of work where support and connection are most important. Each year New Path has attended, staff have returned excited to share and implement new strategies or feeling restored about the good work they have been doing. The Continuum Conference is indispensable to learning and staying informed about best practices and upcoming trends. New Path is excited about the upcoming conferences and the enrichment in learning that comes with attending.”



## JIM SHEA MEMORAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE



Jim Shea spent much of his social work career developing and delivering services for youth who have engaged in sexually abusive behaviour and for those affected by them. He was the founding Director of the Peel Collaborative Child and Adolescent Sexual Abuse Treatment Program, where he worked until his death in the summer of 2005.

Jim was widely recognized for having cultivated and nurtured a team of professionals who provided outstanding service to Peel Region, and have gone on to populate many of the agencies and organization engaged in this work throughout Southern Ontario.

This award is made once a year to someone who has made a significant contribution to the development and provision of services to youth who have engaged in sexually abusive behaviour. Recipients are those who, like Jim, have contributed to our development and collaboration as a service community, have encouraged and supported workers, especially those just entering into this field of practice, and who have engaged in practice that is respectful, collaborative and effective.

# THE 2020 CONTINUUM CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

## ROSE SORRENTI

"I attended my first Continuum conference in 2019, following a year of preparation with a powerful team of dedicated and supportive individuals. My journey as an administrator with the Continuum committee has been very informative and educating. I am so proud to be a part of this incredible conference and look forward to working with my amazing team committee in years to come."

## MELISSA MALTAR

"Early in my career, my mentors told me that once you are in this field, you will not be able to see yourself doing anything else. And this is exactly what happened. Preventing sexual violence by working with those who engage in sexually abusive behavior has become a passion of mine. Although I've had opportunities to attend international conferences related to sexually harming behaviour, there is always something missing. Since 2004, when I started attending The Continuum Conferences, my need to build connection, reduce isolation, network, and share new, exciting knowledge in this highly specialized field, with those who understand the needs of adolescents in Canada, and Ontario, specifically, were fulfilled. I've been on the committee since 2018 and took on chairpersonship in 2019. We have a creative, fun, bright, thoughtful and ambitious group of committee members here to continue to serve you and provide you with a great conference every year. In 25 years, this annual event grew out of a small group of clinicians in Toronto who met to discuss and coordinate their work with youth who have engaged in sexually abusive behaviour. This group showed a commitment to providing effective services to these youth in order to prevent future sexually abusive behaviour and further sexual victimization. I am reminded of the work of the Continuum when I read this quote from Dr. Alissa Ackerman: "Healing from intimate harm requires connection, authentic, vulnerable, and intimate connections, with those that commit the harm and with those who were harmed. Each of us has the capacity to heal society's intimate wounds one connection at a time." Congratulations to The Continuum and all that has been achieved."

# THE 2020 CONTINUUM CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

## LETITIA CHOW

"I began attending the Continuum Conference in 2010 as a participant and continue to be so impressed to see, year-after-year, such a diverse, dedicated and integrated network of people that are so immersed in this field. In 2018, I joined the conference planning committee and it feels a bit surreal that I am now supporting this amazing conference – I look forward to continuing to work with the committee to keep the continuum running strong for years to come!"

## TIFFANY CHARBONNEAU

"I have been honored to be on the continuum committee for the last 5 years. working and learning with other committee members, speakers and participants who support youth who have sexually abused, has strengthened my commitment to reduce sexual harm. I look forward to another 25 years of coming together to learn from one another."

## ALLISON SWANSON

"I have been privileged to be part of The Continuum Committee since 2018 and over that time I have thoroughly enjoyed working with this wonderful group of people from like-minded organizations in Ontario. Their dedication to providing education and training related to youth who have engaged in sexually abusive behaviour is truly inspiring. I am thankful to have played a small part over the last 2 years serving this committee, and look forward to many more to come!"

# THE 2020 CONTINUUM CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

## LISA LAING

"I began attending the Continuum Conference in 2013 as a relatively new clinician to this field. Over the years I have learned from a diverse group of conference speakers including: John Briere, David A. Wolfe, James Worling, Geraldine Crisci, and Karen B.K. Chan. The Continuum Conference provides us the opportunity to network with other professionals in the community as well as gain access to current research. I am honoured to be a part of the planning committee and look forward to future conferences!"

## TANYA SPEEDIE

"The Continuum has been a part of my professional life for the majority of my career in Youth Justice, 20 years this year! I've had such a rewarding and fulfilling experience I'm on my second round of being a conference committee member. As a Probation Officer, I've always found so much value in the conferences learning about best practices and current trends while building my toolbox of skills for working with adolescents, their families and community partners. It's been such a great opportunity, I've met so many amazing people, developed friendships and professional contacts and had a lot of fun along the way too. I am always inspired by the dedication, commitment and innovation of the Continuum participants, speakers and committee members all the in the name of sexual violence prevention. It's a challenging field to work in as we all know, the Continuum allows us to make connections and support each other. I'm proud to be a part of journey! I look forward to being back at the conference! Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the Continuum!"

## PAST JIM SHEA AWARD RECIPIENTS

**2006**

**Barbara Rodgers**  
Director of SAFE-T  
Program

**2007**

**Dr. James Worling**  
Clinical Psychologist  
& Researcher

**2008**

**Rick Owens  
& Arlene Sager**  
Griffin Centre's  
SORNAT Program

**2009**

**Heather Barbour**  
Halton Trauma  
Centre

**2010**

**Dr. Tracey Curwen**  
Nipissing  
University

**2011**

**Karen Holladay**  
Clinical Therapist,  
SAFE-T Program

**2012**

**Anita Diebel**  
Help Now,  
Wellington County

**2013**

**Dr. Siegi Schuler**  
Clinical Director, Halton  
Trauma Centre

**2014**

**Janice Taylor**  
Family Therapist,  
SAFE-T Program

**2015**

**Youth Connections**  
St. Catharines  
Team

**2016**

**Jean Gauthier**  
MCYS, Youth  
Justice

**2017**

**Dr. Carl Bradley**  
Peel Children's  
Centre

**2017**

**Nancy Falls**  
Radius Child and  
Youth Services

**2018**

**Sara Place**  
Durham Children's  
Aid Society

**2019**

**Lucas Hayes  
& Sandy McNeil**  
Youth Connections/  
Fostering Family  
Relations



Celebrating 25 Years!

## OUR NEW LOGO!

In recognition of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2020, we acknowledge that words matter. The words we use can influence people's perceptions, attitudes, and actions. As professionals working to address misperceptions about sexual abuse, we recognize the importance of accurately communicating about individuals who have abused, in the hope that they will have opportunities to live safe, fulfilling and offence-free lives. As such, The Continuum will undergo another name change to: **"The Continuum of Services for Adolescents Who Have Engaged In Sexually Abusive Behaviour".**



# THANK YOU FOR 25 YEARS!

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