

Human Services & Justice Coordinating Committee Presents:

# **YOUTH VOICES: Developing Strategies to work with young people transitioning from youth to adult services**



**Wednesday May 3, 2017**

**Evinrude Centre, 911 Monaghan Rd, Peterborough ON**

**8:30am- Registration begins**

**9:00am-4:00pm- Conference**

**Cost: \$25.00 – Register at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)**

**Lunch and snacks provided**

Pay what you can rate is available for students/youth. Please contact Julia Bakker at

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# Conference Presenters:

### Cross Over Youth and Team C:

Co-founded by Dr. Judy Finlay along with Justice Brian Scully, the Cross over Youth Project, is designed to learn ways to interrupt the trajectory of youth in the care of the state from entering the youth justice system. The Cross-Over Youth Project and Project C will address factors that lead to the disproportionate number of youth in care being criminalized compared to youth not in care. Further, they will examine how these experiences affect youth as they move through the justice system, and lessons they've learned to date.

### Jessica Salerno, Case Conference Facilitator

Jessica has a Masters of Social Work degree from Ryerson University. Jessica worked as a child protection worker for nine years, and has two years' work experience in children's mental health. For the past three years, Jessica has been volunteering as a Crisis Counsellor at a Victim Services agency.

### Matthew Eaton-Kent, Resource Coordinator

Matthew is a J.D. graduate of Queen's University. He also earned a Bachelor of Science from the London School of Economics (U.K.). He has his own criminal defence practice, Eaton-Kent Law, alongside the work he is doing with the Crossover Youth Project. Matthew previously worked in the Immediate Office of the Prosecutor at the United Nations' International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

### Thaila-Paige Dixon-Eeet, Youth Coordinator

Thaila-Paige Dixon is the Youth coordinator for Cross-over youth's advisory committee Project C.



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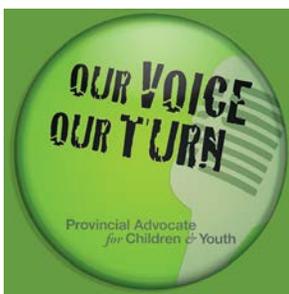
### queeRADicals (Rainbow Youth: PARN):

The youth ambassador team, the queeRADicals, engage in the community bringing a range of lived experience and information to their peers and planning events to increase visibility. The goal of our outreach is to create opportunities to foster awareness and confidence around sexual diversity and gender identity.



### Our Voice Our Turn, Youth Amplifiers- Panel Discussion:

The Province of Ontario is the legal guardian of some 8,300 youth and children living in various parts of the care system. When youth in care leave the system (or “age out”) beginning at 18, sometimes they have not been sufficiently supported to develop the skills and resources they need to live independently. Youth in and from care wanted the opportunity to bring their voices together and tell their stories about the challenges of leaving care to those that have the ability to make meaningful and positive change. Youth Amplifiers will discuss their experiences in the care system with a focus on mental health.



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## Feathers of Hope, Youth Amplifiers -Break Out Groups:

Feathers of Hope demonstrates the power and potential of youth leadership and a youth centered focus in advocacy to confront the issues that directly affect young people's lives. Its success is tied to young people working together to make change. Youth Amplifiers from the Office of the Provincial Advocate for Youth and Children, will engage and encourage the audience in a dialogue based on information being shared.



## Drumming Circle: IR 35

We are a sober drum that has been together for 8 months. We have all come together for the drum and other knowledge and teachings given to us by our ancestors. Most of us are learning our language and customs through song and ceremony with the guidance of our elders and family members. We understand what it is like to live between two worlds and finding balance between the two. We learn as a team and have become a brotherhood of the drum. Through laughing, crying and sharing we hope to continue our learning journey.

We are of various ages and come from various communities which makes us many denominations of aboriginal descent. Some of us are Potawatomi, Ojibwe, Oneida, Mowhawk, and Sioux. We carry teachings of the drum from different tribes. We strive to move forward in a good way and respect all others beliefs as we continue to aspire to our ancestors and our way of life.



## Spoken Word Artists

Local Youth will be with sharing their expressions throughout the day. More details to come.

