

Caregiver Education Team Newsletter

February 2021



AHS, in collaboration with **The Mental Health Foundation**, is proud to offer **FREE** online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth.

Sessions are offered online through the Zoom conferencing application. A link to access the online session will be sent by email to those who have registered for the session.

Lunch & Learn Webinars

Parenting Teens in the 21st Century – Part 1
Monday, February 1
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Parenting Teens in the 21st Century – Part 2
Monday, February 8
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Mental Health and Resiliency Series

Positive Communication that Promotes Growth
Tuesday, February 2
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Calming Our Bodies and Minds
Tuesday, February 9
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Resilient Mindsets
Tuesday, February 16
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Collaborative Problem Solving
Tuesday, February 23
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Caregiver Education Sessions

Parenting Strategies that Promote Positive Mental Health
Wednesday, February 3
6:00 – 7:30 pm

More Than Just a Bad Day: Understanding Depression and Self-Injury in Youth
Wednesday, February 10
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Keeping Scattered Kids on Track: Understanding and Supporting Children and Youth with ADHD
Wednesday, February 17
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Mindfulness: Benefits for the Whole Family
Wednesday, February 24
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Drop-In Series

Support, Education & Engagement Series (SEEDS)

Supporting Your Child With Structure and Routine
Thursday, February 4
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Managing Meltdowns and Shutdowns
Thursday, February 11
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Helping Our Kids Figure Things Out
Thursday, February 18
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Effective Consequences
Thursday, February 25
6:00 – 7:30 pm



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Caregiver Education Sessions

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These free 90 minute online sessions are intended to provide parents, caregivers, teachers, and community members with introductory information regarding mental health challenges that can affect children and youth.

Parenting Strategies that Promote Positive Mental Health

Explore factors that contribute to your child's mental health and wellness and learn how you can be your child's greatest mental health asset.

Date: Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades K-6; for adults only.

More Than Just a Bad Day: Understanding and Supporting Depression and Self-Injury in Youth

This session will help caregivers increase awareness about adolescents who might be experiencing sadness, depression and/or non-suicidal self-injury. Strategies for support will be discussed.

Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades 7-12; for adults only

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Registration

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Parent Feedback:

"I'm very encouraged that sessions like this are available."

"Really enjoyed the interactions with everyone and the videos."

"Content, delivery and duration were 'just right'. Online is nice, I don't have to drive anywhere."

"Instructors went above and beyond to answer individual questions."



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Keeping Scattered Kids on Track

Understanding and Supporting ADHD in Children and Youth

This session will discuss common signs and symptoms of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and strategies for supporting success in children and youth with ADHD.

Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades K-12; for adults only.

Mindfulness

Benefits for the Whole Family

This session will explore mindfulness as an evidence-based way of supporting empathy, optimism, attention, and self-regulation skills in children, teens, and parents.

Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades K-12; for adults only.

Parent Feedback:

“Good acknowledgement to ‘real life’ difficulties – very identifiable and relatable. Thank you.”

“Kuddos to everyone making this kind of informative/participative session.”

“I ended up liking the virtual delivery more than I thought. Liked typing in my responses to questions.”

“Great program – would recommend to anyone. Great presenters!”



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Lunch & Learn Webinars

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These free 60 minute online sessions are intended to provide parents, caregivers, and community members with information regarding mental health challenges that can affect children and youth. Each topic is presented over two sessions; participants can attend one or both sessions.

Caregiver Education Sessions

Parenting Teens in the 21st Century – Part 1 Respectful Limit Setting with Adolescents

In this session, we will explore the challenges of being a teenager, parenting a teenager, and the importance of the parent/teen relationship.

Date: Monday, February 1, 2021

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades 7-12; for adults only.

Parenting Teens in the 21st Century – Part 2 Respectful Limit Setting with Adolescents

In this session, we will continue to look at ways to increase communication and understanding around healthy boundaries with your teen.

Date: Monday, February 8, 2021

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades 7-12; for adults only.

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Parent Feedback:

“This helped me to understand more about what is happening with my teenager and some ways to help.”

“I find these are great reminders to be positive when it is so easy to be negative.”

“Fabulous Content! I can’t wait to continue joining you for all the upcoming sessions.”



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These free 60 minute webinars are for parents/caregivers who are looking to strengthen their child's/adolescent's ability to thrive through life's challenges and discover strategies that can help build resiliency and overall family wellness.

Mental Health & Resiliency Series

Positive Communication that Promotes Growth

In this session, we will look at how we can use the communication tool of praise to support our child's healthy need for attention, reinforce helpful behaviours, and to encourage our child to engage with others in positive ways that foster resilience.

Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades K-9; for adults only.

Calming Our Bodies and Minds

In this online session, we will discuss the ways that our bodies and minds respond to stress and learn strategies for equipping our children to regain a sense of calm and control in the midst of life's stressors.

Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades K-9; for adults only.

Resilient Mindsets

In this online session, we will look at specific behaviours and habits that parents can encourage in the home to develop a more positive mindset in their child for reducing stress, increasing empathy, and equipping our child to tackle new challenges.

Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades K-9; for adults only.

Collaborative Problem Solving

In this online session, we will explore ways that parents can foster effective problem solving in their child through empathy, clear communication, and collaboration in a way that reduce struggles when challenges arise.

Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades K-9; for adults only.

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Parent Feedback:

“The speakers were easy to listen to and understand. The content was relevant, helpful and immediately applicable.”

“I thought that the method of engagement was very effective. The presenters immediately read out the messages and tied it to the topics.”

“All the strategies given out so far have been very helpful. They are simple, easy steps to accomplish.”



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Drop-in Series

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These free **Support, Education & Engagement Drop-In Sessions (SEEDS)** are designed to help caregivers explore parenting strategies that support healthy relationships and child development. As part of a 7 session series, parents are welcome to attend one session or join us each week.

SEEDS: Growing Parenting Skills

Supporting Your Child With Structure and Routine

Providing structure and routine is one of the most effective means of promoting healthy development in our children. Learn how to use these strategies in your home and how to assist your child in daily transitions.

Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades K-6; for adults only.

Managing Meltdowns and Shutdowns

This session is designed to help parents understand the brain science behind a child's meltdowns and shutdowns and strategies we can use to help regulate our minds and bodies.

Date: Thursday, February 11 2021

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades K-6; for adults only.

Helping Our Kids Figure Things Out

Do you find that your child struggles to find solutions when problems arise? This session will show you some simple steps for breaking down problems and finding solutions with your children.

Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades K-6; for adults only.

Effective Consequences

In this session, we will discuss different approaches you can take to address your child's challenging behaviour and how consequences can be a learning tool when offered compassionately and consistently.

Date: Thursday, February 25, 2021

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades K-6; for adults only.

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Parent Feedback

"I learned some great skills and I can't wait to implement them with my kids."

"Fabulous Content! I can't wait to continue joining you for all the upcoming sessions."

"Makes me think of things in a new light. The 'homework' feels like practical application of stuff we discussed."



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