

ATTACHMENT NETWORK MEETING  
Wednesday, Sept 19, 2007 at Aulneau Centre

Present: Yvette Preston, Aulneau Centre (chair), Joanne Brown, Obawaanaan Counselling Parents in the Community- New Directions (recorder), Sarah Kelly (Ph.D. student), Karen Johnston and Julia Wellwood (FASD Outreach, Children's Special Services), Wendy Prince-Moore (Parenting Support Program- Mount Carmel Clinic), Sue Morison (Child Development Clinic), Sheri Beaudry (Youville Centre), Patti Sutherland (Elizabeth Hill Centre), Holly Puckall (Family Centre), Krista Spelmer (LRSD), Juanita Clayton (LRSD), Cathy Seitz (Villa Rosa), Risa Altman (private psychologist), Joanne Broughton (Children's Special Services), Megan Davies (student, CSS), Stefanie Albiani (Marriage and Family Therapy student), Mary Warmbrod (Aurora/ private practise therapist), Laurie Marcella (HealthyStart), Marion Ross (WRHA, Families First coordinator), Marge Chomoway, (Wpg CFS, foster care), Lori Rudniski (WISH), Jean Mackinnon (Aulneau)

\*Welcome and introductions

DVD

\*Laurie Marcella, Mary Warmbrod and Holly Puckall of the Network have been working for 3 years on a dvd project. They received funding from the Attachment Network, Winnipeg Foundation, Children's Hospital Foundation, Healthy Child Manitoba, and CFS East Area Council, and with the help of people from Red River College, have produced a dvd entitled Listening to Baby. It is believed that no other dvd exists like this, and it is useful for practitioners to watch to learn about attachment, and to show a family to begin to discuss what attachment is. This is the "world premiere", and we got to watch parts of the dvd. There will be a formal launch sometime soon. The Network will be profiting from the sale of the dvd, and all funding agencies will receive free copies, including 150 copies to Healthy Child for use in their programs across Manitoba.

\*The Network is preparing to establish a website and are entering into a contract with a distribution company which will enable us to sell the dvd

through the website. Unfortunately the contract precludes direct selling of the dvd, but it will be available shortly for \$39.95 plus shipping and handling. When the website is ready and the dvd can be purchased, all Network members will be notified by email.

\*Congratulations to the dvd group and thank you to them for creating a wonderful legacy!

### Sub Committees

\*Toddler Programming- Laurie struck a group at our last Network meeting to look into creating an ongoing drop in program for parents of toddlers to enable them to receive support and encouragement as their toddler goes through various changes. Their next meeting is Sept 20.

\*Executive Committee--this is the new name for the Steering Committee as a strategic planning day in the spring highlighted the need to move to a more formal structure. They are establishing terms of reference, and looking eventually to incorporating. There has been interest (and envy) expressed by practitioners in Alberta about our Network, and so we are now the Attachment Network of Manitoba.

\*Education, Training and Research--We have been, or will soon be treated to the giants in attachment literature (Marvin, Boris, Crittenden) and feel that we need to create made in Manitoba research about the wonderful work we are doing here. Cathie Gold, Julie Enyingi, Clare McArton, Sally Longstaffe, Irmie Nickel, and Mary Warmbrod (and likely a few others) are currently on this committee.

\*Anyone wishing to join a committee can email the Network at [attachmentnetwork@shaw.ca](mailto:attachmentnetwork@shaw.ca). Likewise anyone can create a committee if they see a need, by emailing the Network and spreading the word.

\*Upcoming Trainings--

and the number of people Bob can train low, and it will cover 3 sessions of

3-5 days each, and so Karen, Julia and Joanne will be seeking funding to subsidize it. Stay tuned for more information by email.

\*Changes for Children--The gov't is reviewing the child welfare system and the Network has been invited to submit around the differential response. The group has prepared a draft of a document that will hopefully be presented soon. We are suggesting that all intake staff and supervisors be trained in attachment assessments as per Pat Crittenden's 3 minute CARE Index models. This will also help with determining risk.

#### Topics for Future Consideration

\*the need to bring the show on the road! Rural communities often have interested workers, but they cannot always make it into Winnipeg for trainings, so it's important to bring training to various communities. Stephanie has volunteered to look at ways to do this.

\*How to meld Triple P and Attachment---They do go hand in hand, depending on the assessment. Triple P can be the teaching component in MIG as well.

\*Daniel Hughes--Mary made contact with him about coming to Winnipeg. He is an expert on attachment with families who foster and adopt.

\*refugee and immigrant families, and in fact, Aboriginal families who come from remote communities to Winnipeg.

\*Continue to find ways to educate the broader public about attachment issues