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Save the Date: October 29, 2008

A Free Half-Day Training
for Professionals

Wednesday, October 29, 2008
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
(Complimentary Breakfast included)

Residence Inn by Marriott
9 Gerhard Rd.
Solarium Room A & B (3rd Fl.)
Plainview, NY 11803

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About this Conference

This conference is an integral component of the Options Awareness Project in Nassau County and enjoys the support of the Nassau County Department of Health and the County Executive's Common Sense for the Common Good Initiative.

The Project is coordinated by Spence-Chapin, a nonprofit adoption agency with a 100-year history in New York City and a significant presence in Nassau County. Spence-Chapin's mission is to find adoptive homes for infants who need them, to promote understanding of adoption through counseling and public education, and to continuously strive to improve adoption practice.

Conference Highlights

- ◆ Listen as a young woman candidly shares her own experience as a pregnant teen and the choices she made.
- ◆ Gain insight into the cultural, medical, social and legal issues that surround pregnant teens, their boyfriends and babies.
- ◆ Hear from experts working with pregnant teens about the broad spectrum of challenges they face in counseling teens about their options.
- ◆ Meet new people, share ideas and be part of creating an innovative approach to supporting pregnant teens and their families.

Who Should Attend

- ◆ Social Service Providers
- ◆ Health care professionals
- ◆ Educators
- ◆ School nurses
- ◆ Counselors
- ◆ Legislators
- ◆ School administrators
- ◆ Teen advocates and volunteers
- ◆ Clergy
- ◆ Any professional committed to working with teens and their families

AGENDA

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 9:15 a.m. Inside the Mind of a Teenager
Keynote: Dr. Holly K. Shaw, R.N. Ph.D.
- 9:45 a.m. In One Teen's Words: A Discussion With A Young Woman About Her Personal Experience
Moderator: Elizabeth Schenker, LMSW, Spence-Chapin Services
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. Reproductive Rights and Issues Surrounding Pregnant Teens and Teen Fathers
Presenter: Karyn Brownson, LMSW, New York Civil Liberties Union
- 11:00 a.m. Professional Panel: Experts discuss the social, medical and educational issues that impact pregnant teens and strategies on how best to counsel teens on their options.
Moderator: Kiersten Bartolotta, Esq., Spence-Chapin Services
Panelists: Vanessa Baracaldo, LCSW, Nassau County Perinatal Network
Justina Coll, R-LMSW, Spence-Chapin Services
Norma Uriguen, LMSW, Fathers Count program
Ellen Weiss, LMSW, Planned Parenthood
- 12:15 p.m. Q & A Session and Closing Remarks

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Holly K. Shaw, R.N. Ph.D., clinician, consultant, author and educator, is a leading authority on childhood and adolescent health with a focus on puberty, sexuality, bereavement, trauma, violence, terrorism, and compassion fatigue. She is an associate professor at the Adelphi University School of Nursing and enjoys a private clinical and consulting practice on the North Shore of LI.

Dr. Shaw has lectured extensively, providing training and staff development to schools, universities, and medical centers throughout the United States, Europe, Thailand, Canada, Mexico, the People's Republic of China, Israel and Cambodia. She has appeared on many television and radio programs including *The Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, and *Good Day, New York*. Dr. Shaw is frequently interviewed in various media, including *Newsday*, *The New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *Seventeen*, and *LI Parenting*.

Presenters

- ◆ **Vanessa Baracaldo, LCSW**, Public Health Educator, Nassau County Dept., Perinatal Services Network
- ◆ **Kiersten Bartolotta, Esq.**, Project Coordinator, Nassau County Options Counseling Project, Spence-Chapin Services
- ◆ **Karyn Brownson, LMSW**, Director, Teen Health Initiative, New York Civil Liberties Union
- ◆ **Justina Coll, R-LMSW**, Program Manager, LI Birth Parent Outreach, Spence-Chapin Services
- ◆ **Elizabeth Schenker, LMSW**, Birth Parent Social Worker, Spence-Chapin Services
- ◆ **Norma Uriguen, LMSW**, Director of Teen Family Services, Inwood House (Fathers Count)
- ◆ **Ellen Weiss, LMSW**, Veteran Social Worker, Prenatal Counselor, Planned Parenthood of Nassau County