



# ***THE MAGIC OF CONNECTION:***

## **Attachment and FASD**

**With Kim Barthel, BMR OTR**

**January 26, 2011**

**Foster Parent Early bird registration fee (January 19) - \$40**  
**Foster Parent Registration Fee (after January 19) - \$60**

**Agency staff registration fee-\$100**

**Registration fee is payable by cheque.**  
**Morning/afternoon refreshments and lunch are included.**

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**Attachment and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder**

Individuals with FASD present with distinct neurological challenges that by virtue of the damage due to alcohol influence alters information processing, emotional regulation and cognition affecting behavior. Due to this neurological impairment the area of the brain known as the "attachment centre" is affected in structure impacting the developmental process of relationships and emotional/psychological health. This dynamic workshop will provide comprehensive understanding of the mutual interplay between nurture and nature in the FASD brain. Discover ways to "make connections" in the growing brain of the child with FASD resulting in encouraging and potential behavioral changes in the actions of this disabling condition that exhibits limitations across the lifespan. Attachment and self-regulation strategies that support modulation of arousal will be the emphasis of learning.

**Kim Barthel ó Guest Speaker**

Kim is an internationally sought after speaker who proficiently blends and bridges the most up-to-date science of connection, self-regulation, and attachment theory with the intuitive aspect of the therapeutic process. She is a United Nations trainer and brings to her presentation the wisdom that comes from working with cultures from around the world. Kim Barthel; BMR, OTR is a Neuro-Developmental Treatment-OT Instructor and a teacher of Sensory Integration Therapy. Her post-graduate studies are in neuro-sciences and a range of complementary healing practices. Kim's current professional challenges include team strategy facilitation for acute pediatric/ adolescent mental health cases and creating sustainable care strategies in a wide variety of cultures throughout the world. She also recently authored the pediatric textbook Evidence and Art: Merging Forces in Pediatric Therapy. Kim is a member of the International Association for the Study of Attachment.



Workshop will be held at the:

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