

July 2012

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**Upcoming Events...**

CASP2012 Steering Committee Meeting  
Thursday, August 2

Distress/Crisis Line Conference  
Sunday, Oct. 14

Crowne Plaza Hotel  
Niagara Falls, ON  
DCO AGM and SOV  
Recognition & Awards  
Dinner:  
Sunday, Oct. 14  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
Niagara Falls, ON

CASP/ACPS 2012  
National Conference:  
Oct. 15 - 17  
Sheraton-on-the-Falls  
Niagara Falls,  
ON

Educators Stream  
Wednesday, Oct.17  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
Niagara Falls, ON

ED Exchange:

## CASP 2012 National Conference - Registration Now Open!!

October 15-17, 2012  
Sheraton-on-the-Falls, Niagara Falls,  
Ontario

Join us in Niagara Falls as we "step out of the darkness" with other concerned and compassionate individuals at the CASP2012 National Conference.

Awareness, Attention, Action will be the focus of discussions, symposia, networking, presentations and workshops designed to help us all tap into the growing openness regarding suicide prevention.

A difficult subject to study, stigma about suicide leads to secrecy, shame, guilt and silence. Recent political efforts to create a National Suicide Prevention Strategy and growing openness in the media to exploring the topic of suicide have led to increasing sensitivity and discussion about suicide. [Read more.](#)

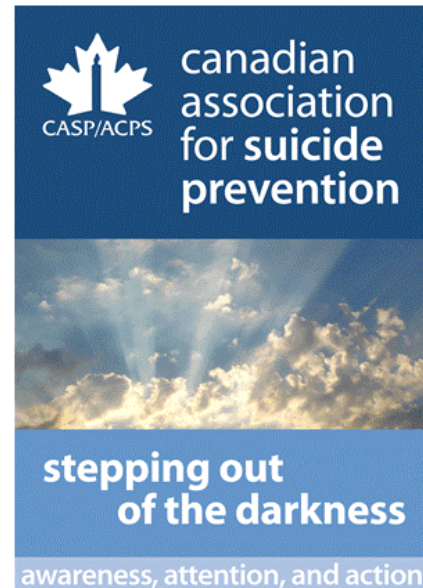
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## Education Update

by Lynn Brewin

Learning Forums - Six More in the Can!

On July 19th, DCO filmed six more professional development topics for our Learning Forums web site. We were fortunate to acquire outstanding professionals from CAMH who delivered top quality sessions on Concurrent Disorders (Part 1 and 2), Addictions - What You Need to Know, and Eating Disorders. We were also privileged to have the director of the AIDS Bereavement and Resiliency Program of Ontario (ABRPO) present two modules, "Your Resiliency Matters" and "When Grief Comes to Work". The last session is a different type of Learning Forum topic as it is intended as an in-service for



November 15  
Mississauga/QEW area  
- TBA

"How to Become an Ally  
to the Aboriginal  
Community"  
November 27  
CAMH, Toronto

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**2012 DCO  
Committee  
Meetings**

**Education Committee  
Meetings (Thursdays):**  
August 23  
September 20  
October 18  
November 15  
December 20

**Board of Directors  
Meetings (Tuesdays):**  
September 11  
November 13

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managers so they can effectively support staff going through loss or grief. All speakers and presentations were dynamic and we looking forward to launching these vignettes in the months ahead. [Read more.](#)

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## 5th Annual Spirit of Volunteerism Recognition

Volunteers fuel the distress centre movement, and without them we could not have reached this year's milestone - the fifth annual Spirit of Volunteerism recognition in memory of Rev. Chad Varah.

As in previous years, the 2012 nominees embody the values that move the distress line movement forward, by offering an empathetic listening ear and bringing their own unique talents and personalities to their individual centres. This year's 14 nominees positively impact their centres and the callers who reach out to them. It is our pleasure to introduce the nominees of the 2012 Spirit of Volunteerism recognition. [Read more.](#)

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