

Teachers' Law Institute

Mental Illness, Crime and the Law

Professional Development for Teachers

Riverview Hospital

Henry Esson Young Building

2601 Lougheed Highway, Coquitlam, B.C.

Friday, February 13, 2009: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

This Institute will provide educators with a unique opportunity to learn more about mental illness, and the treatment of mental illness in B.C. Particular attention will be devoted to prevention and early detection, and the interrelation between mental illness, crime and the law. Sessions will be facilitated by experts in the field, and the Institute will be held on the grounds of the Riverview Hospital. Participants will be provided with print material, including teaching resources. The Institute, including lunch, is generously sponsored by the Law Courts Education Society of BC and the Law Foundation of BC, and is offered free of charge.

9:00 – 9:15	Welcome and Introduction
9:15 – 10:15	<p>Understanding Mental Illness: An Overview of the Mental Illnesses Most Prevalent Among Offenders, With Focus on Prevention and Early Detection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Kulwant Riar, Forensic Psychiatrist & Clinical Director of Youth Forensic Psychiatric Services
10:15 – 10:30	Short Break
10:30 – 11:30	<p>The Treatment of Mental Illness in BC: A Historical Perspective & Tour of Riverview Hospital</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathy Finch, Psychiatric Nurse & Clinical Instructor, Riverview Hospital
11:30 – 12:30	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Viewing of Documentary – “Back From Madness” A film which follows people in their struggles with mental illness</p>
12:30 – 1:30	<p>Mental Illness, Crime and the Law: Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judge J.Challenger, Provincial Court Judge • Helen James, Provincial Crown Counsel • Patti Stark, Defence Counsel
1:30 – 1:45	Short Break
1:45 – 2:45	<p>A Sharing of Personal Experiences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryn Genelle Ditmars
2:45 – 3:00	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Evaluations</p> <p>Resource Packages</p>