



THE THIRD ANNUAL BERMUDA SPECIAL NEEDS SEMINAR & FAIR - April 22, 2010 Bermuda Underwater Exploration Institute

Another year has flown by and now we are ready to embark on another great seminar and program fair here in Bermuda.

The first year that we held a seminar, I (Tory Dodge) made a “Who, What, Why and How” presentation on special needs and the services available to students. Prior to that, little was known of any of these programs.

The second year the seminar was given by Dr. Sam Goldstein on Teenagers and Resilience.

OUR SPEAKER THIS YEAR:

We are very fortunate to have Lynn Sanford, LICSW joining us to do a seminar on “What Children Do with their Pain”. Lynn provides training and consultation on a national level and is a faculty member at the Simmons College Graduate School of Social Work. She is the author of Strong at the Broken Places, Silent Children and co-author of Women’s Self Esteem and In Defense of Ourselves. Go to www.lynnstanford.com to learn more. She has also done consulting here in Bermuda for Child and Family Services. She knows the islands issues and children’s needs well.

THE EVENT:

I recommend that participants arrive a day or two before the event so that they are in time to attend one of the meetings with Mr. Maybury, head of the funding of Child and Family Services in Bermuda. The only way that the government will fund a program is if Mr. Maybury has visited and this is your opportunity to educate him about your program.

The Days Schedule: Thursday, April 22

12:30 – Set up for program displays in lobby at BUEI

1:00 – Tory will welcome everyone and then will ask each participant to introduce themselves, the name of their program and the population they serve. Last year, it was felt that our speaker did not have adequate time & with this being of such vital interest to the island we have made it longer. We will supply a handout of complete program information on each participant at the beginning of the event.

1: 20 - Tory or Sarah Norfleet will introduce Lynn Hamilton

2:30 – 2:45 - Short break with refreshments

4:00 – End of Seminar and beginning of the Program Fair in
The BUEI lobby

6:00 – End of Program Fair

What we need from you:

1) We will be doing a hand out similar to the one we did last year and will need updates. If you need me to send what you wrote last year just let me know and I will email it to you.

2) The fee for the fair is \$850 which covers the rental of the auditorium and main lobby, fair refreshments, brochures, postage, printing, newspaper, radio advertising & co-ordination. Payment specifics are on the registration form which follows this email.

A list of hotel accommodations will follow shortly. www.bermuda.com has package deals that are very good as does TNT travel and some of the other discount travel groups.

We do have three **sponsorship opportunities** for any of you that would like greater visibility in advertising and at the event. If interested, let me know.

We hope that you will consider joining us this year. Most of the programs that came in prior years are returning and I think you will find that it will prove to be a good investment of your time and resources.

Tory