

**Ninth Annual AFCC Ontario AGM & Conference**

The **Association of Family and Conciliation Courts** **(Ontario Chapter)** invites you to the 9th Annual Conference, *Breaking Down Barriers: Targeting Resources to Meet Families’ Needs*

Please join us at the 2017 conference on **October 19th** (afternoon and evening) and **20th** (day), as we explore the challenges faced by families and professionals in the current environment.

**October 19, 2017 Events (YMCA Downtown Toronto)**

We invite New Professionals to join us on Thursday October 19, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. for an enlightening panel discussion, “*Advice from the Bench”.*

The Pre-Conference Institute, entitled*,* Addiction in Family Breakdown: The Challenge and Complexities*”* will be held from 2:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Our panel will explore the multi-dimensional issues that arise in cases involving addictions, and the impact of addictions on the family law and child protection justice systems.

***The Annual AFCC-O Social Event takes place from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Pogue Mahone Pub & Kitchen, 777 Bay Street.***

**October 20, 2017 AGM and Annual Conference, *Breaking Down Barriers: Targeting Resources to Meet Families’ Needs (Toronto Reference Library)****,*

Opening the annual conference is our keynote speaker, Dr. Arnold Shienvold, in a session entitled “Cadillac vs. Chevy – How do we balance the push and pull of limited resources?” Dr. Shienvold, a past president of AFCC (Parent) specializes in dealing with high conflict families, and he is an expert in custody evaluations and mediation.

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