

# MAKING THE PICTURE CLEARER



## Complex Health Care Issues - Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities

# A Family Focused Discussion on Complex Health Issues in People with IDD

### Who should attend:

Parents, siblings, relatives, anyone who is involved in the care, safety and welfare of a family member with a developmental disability with complex health care issues.

### Where:

Chestnut Conference Centre  
89 Chestnut Street, Toronto, ON,  
M5G 1R1

### When:

Tuesday, April 28, 2020  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

There is no cost for family members to attend this event.

**More Information:** <https://reena.eventsair.com/making-the-picture-clearer/>

Are you caring for someone with IDD challenged with health care complexity? Are you seeking to understand the interdisciplinary approach to care? If you have questions like these and more, then this event is for you!

Persons with Intellectual Disabilities can have many various concurrent conditions. This leads to complexity and challenges for families, developmental services agencies, Primary Care Physicians and Specialists. Experts that have specialized in the area of Health Care and Intellectual Disability are very few and spread throughout the world. The ability for families and care providers to have access to these individuals is not possible or very rare.

### **“Do You See What I See?” - How to Work Together with Health Professionals on Complex Health Care Needs**

We are all in this together and families will hear from a diverse group of professionals who all have an interest in health care complexity and intellectual and developmental disabilities. The speakers will talk briefly on what they think makes a successful partnership with families to best meet the needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities with complexity. A significant portion of the session will be open to questions from families. Discussion between speakers will also be encouraged so families can hear different perspectives as well as families to share from their perspective what makes a successful partnership. Strategies to plan and prepare for appointments, communication, how to manage multiple specialists and what to do if you feel you are not being heard are a few of the areas that will be discussed.

**Panel:**



**Dr. Seth Keller**  
Co-Chair, National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices; Chair, Special Interest Group Adult IDD, American Academy of Neurology; Past President, American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry



**Dr. Rick Rader**  
Medical Futurist and Director of Health Care, Orange Grove Center, Tennessee; Editor-in-Chief of Exceptional Parent Magazine



**Dr. Yona Lunsky**  
Director, Azrieli Adult Neurodevelopmental Centre, Senior Scientist, Adult Neurodevelopment and Geriatric; Psychiatry Division, and Director, Health Care Access Research and Developmental Disabilities, CMAH



**Kathy Service**  
Health Care Consultant, Educator, and Advocate; Steering Committee Member of the National Task Group on Dementia and Intellectual Disabilities



**Leslie Udell**  
Continuing Education instructor with Red River College, in the Therapeutic Recreation for Older Adults program and Teacher, Intro to Gerontology, Cognitive Impairments and Grief, Loss and Palliative Care. Leslie is a member of the NTG- Canadian Consortium and

a Master Trainer for the NTG Canada-Dementia Capable Support of Adults with Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia course.

## Special Photo Exhibit Installation...

...and meet the founder!



**Rick Guidotti**  
Professional Photographer and founder of Positive Exposure.

Rick Guidotti, an award winning photographer, worked in NYC, Milan, Paris and London for a variety of high profile clients including Yves St Laurent, Revlon and L'Oreal. His work has been published in newspapers, magazines and journals as diverse as GQ, People, the American Journal of Medical Genetics, The Lancet, Spirituality and Health, the Washington Post, Atlantic Monthly and LIFE Magazine. Rick founded POSITIVE EXPOSURE after a chance encounter in 1997 with a young lady living with albinism at a bus stop in New York City. As an artist, Rick was taken by her extraordinary beauty. In a quest for a better understanding of albinism, Rick sought out medical textbooks, where he

was affronted by the dehumanizing images depicting disease, lacking all humanity. It was this experience which forced Rick to turn his lens from the more traditional ideas of beauty, to the beauty and richness of human diversity. Rick has since spent more than twenty years collaborating internationally with advocacy organizations/NGOs, medical schools, universities and other educational institutions to effect a sea-change in societal attitudes towards individuals living with genetic, physical, behavioral or intellectual difference.

## Questions?

Please direct any questions regarding registration for this workshop to:  
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