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The Consumer/Survivor Information Resource Centre

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BULLETIN

*Information for consumer/survivors of the mental health system,
those who serve us, and those who care about us.*

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C/S INFO CENTRE DROP-IN HOURS: 1-4 Monday-Friday. PHONE HOURS: 9-5 Monday-Friday

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Come One, Come All, to the

**The Consumer/Survivor Information
Resource Centre of Toronto**

Annual General Meeting

Thursday, September 28th, 2006

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)

33 Russell Street, Meeting Room 2029

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Guest speakers from Voices from the Street will share their experiences.

Refreshments by Out of This World Café and
The Raging Spoon

All members and friends of the centre are welcome to attend the AGM and enjoy the guest speakers and refreshments. People who became members or renewed their membership before September 26th at 5:00 pm are eligible to vote at the meeting.

General Members Application

Consumer/Survivor Information Resource Centre of Toronto

If you have a membership, you must renew your membership before the end of every two years for your membership to be in good standing.

The Goals of the Consumer/Survivor Information Resource Centre are:

1. To provide assistance and information to consumer/survivors of the psychiatric health care system.
2. To provide a physical facility where consumer/survivors can go to obtain information from their peers (other consumer/survivors) in a format accessible and appropriate to the consumer/survivor community.
3. To provide information outreach services to consumer/survivors in the community.
4. To assist consumer/survivors in utilizing other resources, such as mental health services and information services.
5. To identify gaps in the information resources available to consumer/survivors and to develop, or promote the development of new information resources to fill those gaps.
6. To support the use of advanced information-sharing techniques amongst consumer/survivors and among groups providing information to consumer/survivors.

I agree with and support the goals of C/S Info Centre. I would like to become a member of the Resource Centre. It serves the Greater Toronto Area and there is no charge.

Regular Member from the Greater Toronto Area only (consumer/survivor)
 Associate Member (Non-voting). This category is for anyone who is not a consumer/survivor.



Signature_____

Date_____

Name (please print)_____

Organization (optional, if applicable)_____

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Phone (____)_____ Work Phone (____)_____

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**YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE C/S INFO CENTRE AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR
TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN ORDER FOR YOU TO BE ABLE TO VOTE.**

You can receive The Bulletin whether or not you are a member of the Consumer/Survivor Information Resource Centre of Toronto. Membership allows you to vote at the Annual General Meeting and to stand for election to the Board of the agency.

WWW: Websites Worth Watching

When we did our reader survey, one of the things that people asked for was a list of websites where they could get mental health information. So we did a little digging and here are some we found. If you know of others, send them in and we'll pass them along.

www.kissmeimpsychotic.com Kiss Me I'm Psychotic is an online community for people recovering from psychosis. People can participate by using the message boards, displaying their art, poetry and music, and by voting on issues.

www.psychosisissucks.ca Psychosis Sucks is meant to attract the young crowd because this is an early psychosis intervention clinic in British Columbia. However, they have some good stuff. As well as English downloads, they also have brochures online in Punjabi, Hindi, German and Mandarin, on such topics as goal setting, problem solving, stress management and relapse prevention.

www.ppaoc.gov.on.ca The website for the Psychiatric Patient Advocate Office has all kinds of great information and downloads.

www.stopstigma.samhsa.gov/partneronrecovery.htm This site was recommended by Mandi Luis, the co-chair of the Ontario Recovers Campaign for its online video titled Recovery Based Therapeutic Relationships.

www.mentalhealthconsumer.net This one is from British Columbia and it has lots of information about different topics, including women's mental health, men's mental health, consumer groups and other websites.

www.opmhan.ca This is the site of the Older Persons' Mental Health and Addictions Network, just what it sounds like.

www.crct.org Community Resource Connections of Toronto. This website includes information on where to buy the Making Choices book which is the premier source of information about where to get information on mental health services in Toronto. For C/S's it is only \$5, for agency staff, it is \$30. Anyone can download it from their website for free. It's 154 pages. This is also where you can see the Bulletin online, as they so kindly post it for us until we have a website of our own.

www.workinginmentalhealth.com This is a website from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to give people and agencies a way to connect about jobs and student placements in this field. It's free to both post and search for jobs and no registration needed. There are often a couple of dozen jobs on the site from all over Ontario.

www.connexontario.ca This is the site for Connex Ontario Health Services Information, the amalgamation of three services: the Drug and Alcohol Registry of Treatment (DART) 1800 565-8603; the Ontario Problem Gambling Helpline 1 888 230-3505; and the Mental Health Service Information Ontario 1 866 531-2600.

Wellness and Recovery Newsletter – The second Issue of the quarterly publication that we do in conjunction with CRCT - Community Resource Connections of Toronto was sent out in June and issue three will be sent out very soon. It's free to receive, but you have to tell us you want it. If you haven't already, call us at 416 595-2882 or email us at csinfo@camh.net.

Relationships : C/S Info & CAMH

Over the time I've been at the Consumer/Survivor Information Resource Centre, I've experienced a lot of misunderstanding and misconceptions about the relationship between this organization and the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, so I decided to write a piece that explains it a bit. I guess I have to start with the history of the Info Centre. Probably now, right before our Annual General Meeting, is a good time to do that. So, here's what I know.

A group of tenants in supportive housing, the Residents Association in Toronto, which was founded in 1988, decided that a drop-in specializing in information would be a good idea. In 1991, the Ministry of Health funded us, and other groups, on a one-time basis, and we researched the possibility of starting a centre.

During the feasibility study phase of the Centre's startup, the project was housed in an office in the basement of the supportive housing project at 550 Kingston Road. Once the Centre received its demonstration grant, it moved to a location next door to the Parkdale Activity-Recreation Centre (PARC) at 1499 Queen Street West and was there until 1998. The Centre also briefly shared space with JobQuest on King Street. We were paying a whopping \$1,100 a month rent there, before we moved to our current location at 252 College Street. We're on the 3rd floor of the former Day Centre, next door to the College Street Site of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH). All this was before my time and the details of the actual transition are beyond me, but frantic deputations were made, I believe and "it came to pass that we were offered shelter from the storm", FREE shelter from the storm at that.

We are under the umbrella of the CSRU at CAMH, which is the Community Support and Research Unit. We are given free rent in the old house next door to the College Street Site; we are allowed to connect to the CAMH internet and email - that's why our email addresses make it look like we are part of CAMH. As well, the CSRU pays to mail the Bulletin twice a month. That's why we can go out to community events and get as many subscribers as are interested in receiving the Bulletin - we don't have to worry about postage costs. Right now, we send the Bulletin to about 880 email addresses and to just over 500 by regular mail. So, the CSRU is picking up the tab of over \$500 per month for our two issues a month.

For the rest of our costs, including paper and printing the Bulletin, telephone bills, salaries and other expenses, we receive a grant from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) Community Health Division. In

the new organization of the province into Local Health Integration Networks (LHIN's), we are in Toronto Central, LHIN 7.

So, we are a separate organization with a separate Board of Directors, our own Program number from the Ministry of Health and our own funding. The Board of Directors and the staff of the Centre are all consumer/survivors and so the decision making about the centre stays in the community. The information in the Bulletin is for and by consumer/survivors. We are housed at CAMH and it is truly generous of them. We are working with them to try and get space in the new redeveloped site when all is said and done. It's a good relationship.

But there are misconceptions: like the time when somebody said to me "are you sure you want to take that job. It's not secure. CAMH is already taking over the role of the centre with the new McLaughlin Centre". The truth is that even though there is a CAMH-run information service, it isn't the same as a survivor-run service. Peer support and the 'we have been there' aspect of our work makes us a different service.

Another one was when I was asking about the requests for research subjects in the Bulletin and somebody wrote in and said that they guessed that CAMH had bullied me into putting them in, and that I had no choice because the centre was part of CAMH. Not so. As I mentioned, we are a separate organization and we can do what we, and our readers and members want us to do. I have received no pressure from CAMH to do or not to do anything, concerning research or anything else.

I hope that makes things a little clearer. If you want to talk about this, or anything else, call me, write me, or drop by. 416 595-2882. csinfo@camh.net 252 College Street (next door to CAMH). **Helen**

Free & Low Cost Events

Friday, September 15th

MAD Pride Weekend 2006 Events. Free. See Bulletin back page (page 10)

Genealogy on the Web Workshop. Free. A hands on introduction to Canadian genealogy resources on the internet. Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge St. Registration and information contact: 416 393-7209. 2:30 – 4:30 pm.

Saturday, September 16th

More MAD Pride Weekend 2006 Events. Free. See Bulletin back page (page 10)

Yoga and Meditation. Free. Learn gentle physical exercises, breathing and meditation techniques. College Shaw Library, 766 College St. Info: 416 393-7668. Weekly classes, Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 pm and Saturdays, 10:30 am – 12:00 noon.

Garden Opening Celebration. Free. The Toronto Botanical Garden celebrates the opening of its newly renovated building and gardens. With tours, interactive programs and activities for everyone. Toronto Botanical Garden, 777 Lawrence Ave. E. Info: 416 397-1340 or www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Being Scene Artists Art Show and Sale - Queen West Art Crawl Festival. Free. As part of the Queen West Art Crawl, Workman Arts presents a one-day outdoor show and sale of works by participating artists from the Being Scene Art 2006/07 Exhibition. Outdoor Courtyard, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, 1001 Queen St. W. For information on this exhibition contact: 416 583-4339 or www.workmanarts.com. The 4th annual **Queen West Art Crawl (QWAC)** features works of over 500 artists from a wide variety of disciplines. Festival continues to Sept. 17th. Queen St. West between Roncesvalles and Spadina Ave. Info: 416 392-1038 or www.torontoartscape.on.ca/qwac. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Parkdale Arts and Crafts Festival. Free. Visual art and craft exhibits, a large sidewalk sale along Queen St. W., children's activities and entertainment including jazz music by Julie McGregor Trio. Parkdale Town Centre, Queen St. W and Cowan Ave. Music Stage, Maseryk Park, 3 blocks west of Dufferin Bridge, south of Queen St. W., the west side off of Cowan Ave. Info: 416 516-8401 or www.parkdaleliberty.com. Music, 4:00 pm. Festival, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm.

Sunday, September 17th

Final Day of MAD Pride Weekend 2006 Events. Free. See Bulletin back page (page 10) **Toronto Comedy Combo #2. \$5.00.** Sample sketch, stand up and improv comedy from best of Toronto's comedy troupes including Second City, Bad Dog Theatre, Toronto Sketch Comedy and more. Three performances for one admission price. The Second City, 56 Blue Jays Way. Tickets available at TO Tix: in person at Yonge/Dundas Square or online at www.totix.ca. Info: 416 343-0011. 12:00 noon – 6:00pm.

The Kirby String Quartet Concert. Free. Music concert by the water. Toronto Music Garden, 475 Queen's Quay W. Info: 416 973-4000 or www.harbourfrontcentre.com. 4:00 pm.

Monday, September 18th

Election 06: What Future For Toronto? Forum. Free. Forum discusses key municipal issues leading up to the Municipal Election on November 13th. Panel includes: Mayor David Miller, David Crombie, Marvyn Novick, Joe Berridge, Paul Bedford. The Innis Café, 2 Sussex Ave. Info: 416 365-0816 ext. 234 or www.canurb.com/events. Arrive early as seating is limited. 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

Tuesday, September 19th

Health Information on the Internet Workshop. Free. Hands-on workshop on electronic resources for researching health and wellness using the Virtual Reference Library, the Canadian Health Network, MEDLINEplus and other health databases. Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge St. Info: 416 393-7209. 10:00 am – 12:00 noon.

The Teacher and the Soul Book Launch. Free. Diane Dupuy's (Famous PEOPLE Players) recent book, explores her experience as a mother of her daughter's experience with addiction. Event includes: art show, reading, book signing and refreshments. Workman Theatre, 1001 Queen St. W. Info: 416 532 1137 or www.beyondblacklight.com/invite. 7:00 pm.

Wednesday, September 20th

Jazz Music Concert. Free. Music by Alex Pangman. Yonge Dundas Square, Dundas St. E. and Yonge St. Info: 416 979-9960 or www.ydsquare.ca. 12:30 pm.

Boost Your Immune System Workshop. Free. Improve your health and get ready for the season with tips from holistic practitioners, Helena Mervart-Tichy and Patricia Gabryl, ND. Brentwood Library, 36 Brentwood Rd. N. Info: 416 394-5240. 7:00 – 8:15 pm.

Walk/Run Group. Free. PhACS Walk/Run Group for Consumer/Survivors follows a 3-5 km circuit for all levels. Meet at Tim Horton's, 481 Danforth Ave. (at Logan Ave). Info: 416 604-6973 or www.accentonability.org/phacs. 7:00 pm.

Thursday, September 21st

Toronto Chinese Orchestra in Concert. Free. Selection of traditional and modern Chinese classical music. Bata Shoe Museum, 237 Bloor St. W. Info: 416 979-7799 ext. 242 or www.batashoemuseum.ca. Free admission, 5:00 – 8:00 pm. Concert, 6:00 pm.

Alternative Health - Bach Flower Remedy Workshop. Free. An introductory workshop with Kathi Elliot on healing from negative states of mind using the Bach Flower Remedies method. The Big Carrot Natural Food Market, 348 Danforth Ave., 2nd Floor (use entrance by Book City). Info: 416 466-2129 or www.thebigcarrot.ca/calendar. 7:00 pm.

Friday, September 22nd

ROM Friday Nights. Free. Visit the Deco Lalique and Korea around 1900: Paintings of Gisan Exhibitions as well as other works from the museum's permanent collection. Royal Ontario Museum, 100 Queen's Park. Info: 416 586-8000 or www.rom.on.ca. 4:30 – 9:30 pm.

Saturday, September 23rd

'The Howards' High Park Walk. Free. Heritage Toronto Walk explores Colborne Lodge and the surrounding gardens in High Park. Leader Catherine Raven. Colborne Lodge, Colborne Lodge Dr., (north of the Queensway). Meet in front of the coach house. Info: 416 338-0684 or www.heritagetoronto.org. 1:30 pm.

Sunday, September 24th

The Word on the Street Festival. Free. Canada's largest outdoor book and magazine festival with readings, exhibitors, performances for all ages. Queen's Park. Info: 416 504-7241 or www.thewordonthestreet.ca. 11:00 – 6:00 pm.

Monday, September 25th

A History of Toronto's Distillery District Talk. Free. Co-sponsored by the Scarborough Historical Society. Bendale Library, 1515 Danforth Rd. Info: 416 396-8910. 7:00 – 10:00 pm.

Climate Change: From Inconvenient Truth to Political Action Forum. Free. St. Lawrence Centre Forum on the environment and solutions to reduce greenhouse gasses. St. Lawrence Centre, 27 Front St. E. Info: 416 366-1656 or www.stlc.com. 7:30 – 9:30 pm.

Tuesday, September 26th

Local Writer's Reading. Free. A reading by Elizabeth Ruth from her novel, Smoke. Talk to follow on her life as a writer. Deer Park Library, 40 St. Clair Ave. E. Info: 416 393-7657. 2:00 pm.

Wednesday, September 27th

Personality Profile Workshop. Free. Learn how to understand and appreciate yourself. Improve self confidence as well as your relationships. Although, this workshop is intended for newcomers it is open to all interested women. Registration is required. High Park Library, 228 Roncesvalles Ave. For registration and more information contact Jennifer, 416 393-7671. 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

Truths and Myths about Hypnosis Talk. Free. Chris Frolic, a professional stage hypnotist talks about hypnosis and shares a simple technique for stress relief. Auditorium, Room B, Barbara Frum Library, 20 Covington Rd. Info: 416 395-5440. 2:30 – 3:30 pm.

Creating the Urban: Toronto 1793 to 1914 Talk. Free. An illustrated talk about the history of Toronto to World War I. Presented by Carl Benn, Chief Curator, Museums, Heritage Series, City of Toronto. Northern District Library, 40 Orchard View Blvd. Info: 416 393-7610. Refreshments, 7:10. Talk, 7:30 pm.

Thursday, September 28th

Naturopathic Medicine for the Mind, Memory, the Brain and Beyond Lecture. Free. An overview exploring the use of complementary therapies. The Big Carrot Natural Food Market, 348 Danforth Ave., 2nd Floor (use entrance by Book City). Info: 416 466-2129 or www.thebigcarrot.ca/calendar. 7:00 pm.

Book Reading and Discussion. Free. John Lawrence Reynolds discusses his new book, *Shadow People: Inside History's Most Notorious Secret Societies*. The societies in question include Costa Nostra, Al Qaeda, Triads, Wicca, Skull & Bones, Kabbalah, Freemasons, Druids. A question and answer to follow. Elizabeth Beeton Auditorium, Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge St. Info: 416 395-5577. 7:00 pm.

Entering Narnia: The Magic of Imagination in C.S. Lewis's Chronicles Lecture. Free. A lecture by Peter J. Schakel, author of *The Way Into Narnia*. Lillian H. Smith Library, 239 College St. Info: 416 393-7753. 8:00 pm.

Friday, September 29th

The Gardiner Museum of Ceramics. Free. Friday evening events include a screening of the documentary film, *Maya Universe* (1999) and the current exhibition *Jean Pierre Larocque: Clay Sculpture and Drawings*. Exhibition continues to Oct. 9th. Gardiner Museum, 111 Queens Park. Info: 416 586-8080. Free admission, 4:00 – 9:00 pm. Film screening, 6:00 pm.

Saturday, September 30th

Toronto Garden Club's 60th Anniversary Flower Festival. Free. The Festival features floral carpet restoration leading into the historic Byzantine Anglican Church. Festival continues to Oct. 1st. St. Anne's Anglican Church, 270 Gladstone Ave. (Dufferin Ave. and Dundas St. W). Info: 416 536-3160 or www.parkdaleliberty.com. 9:00 am – 8:00 pm.

Beaches Walking Tour. Free. Explore sites along Queen St. E. and the lake led by Barbara Myrvold. There will be a Heritage Toronto plaque unveiling ceremony. Beaches Library, 2161 Queen St. E. Info: 416 393-7703. Walk, 1:30 pm. Unveiling, 3:00 pm.

Nuit Blanche Toronto All Night Contemporary Art Event. Free. Over 100 of Toronto's galleries, museums, institutions and alternative spaces open their doors and present art programs and special performances throughout the night. For more information on events, locations and times contact: www.livewithculture.ca/content/view/full/6826 or e-mail, nuitblanche@toronto.ca. To volunteer e-mail, spevvol@toronto.ca. 7:00 pm – 7:00 am on Oct. 1st.

Announcements

The Toronto Harm Reduction Network is having the first of three seminars in a series on harm reduction and the justice system: **Mandatory Minimum Sentencing???** Thursday September 21st from 1:00 to 3:00 at St. Stephen's Community House, 260 Augusta Street, which is near Spadina and College. The guest speaker will be Eugene Oscapella. For more info: www.toronto harm reduction@yahoo.ca

The Psychiatric Patient Advocate Office (PPAO) is having free workshops all over Ontario on: **Understanding Mental Health Law.** The date for Toronto is Wednesday October 18th from 1:00 to 4:00 in the Huron Room, MacDonald Block, Second Floor, 900 Bay Street. Seating is limited, so you must register. Call 1 800 578-2343 Monday to Friday 9:00 to 5:00 or email Dorothy.Bursey@moh.gov.on.ca.

Job Postings

We're posting the full ad for the Dream Team position, and there are two postings that we have only room for the basics. If you want more information on one of those, drop by the centre to read it and pick up a photocopy, or you can call us and we'll tell you more over the phone. 416 595-2882. Helen and Carolyn.

Consumer Initiatives Coordinator (Part-time) T.E.A.C.H. Support and Housing Halton

Position is located in Milton and serves the Region of Halton. Responsibilities: facilitate services and workshops in Managing Anxiety Attacks, recruitment and supervision of Peer Mentor volunteers. One-to-one peer support. And Peer Support Groups. Must be a C/S. Must have a valid license and access to a vehicle. Based on a 20 hour work week, \$19,200 annually. Position closes **September 22, 2006**. Apply to: W. Lee Helmer, Manager of Wellness Programs, Support and Housing Halton, 599 Chartwell Avenue, Oakville ON L6J 4A9. Email lhelmer@shhalton.org Fax: 905 844-4961.

Peer Support Worker Early Psychosis Intervention (EPI) Canadian Mental Health Association, York Region Branch Part-time (Competition #PSWEPI0806)

The Peer Support Worker (PSW) works with clients, 16 - 35 years of age, who are in the early stages of or experiencing a psychotic disorder. In collaboration with the EPI Team, the PSW develops and provides group and individual support. Must have: A valid Canadian driver's license, a minimum \$1,000,000 third party liability insurance and proof that insurance covers use of personal vehicle to transport clients; A satisfactory Vulnerable Sector Screening (Police Check). Submit resume and salary expectations to the Hiring Committee by **September 29, 2006** quoting Competition # **PSWEPI0806**. Mail: CMHA York Region 1091 Gorham Street, Unit 300, Newmarket ON L3Y 8X7. Fax: 905 853-1051 Emails are not accepted.

Coordinator of the Dream Team

Part time – 4 days per week – 28 hours per week

Background

The Dream Team is a group that advocates for safe, secure and affordable housing for people who live with mental illness. The Dream Team is made up of psychiatric consumer survivors who live in supportive housing and their family members.

The Dream Team members demonstrate the life-altering benefits of supportive housing by telling their stories to politicians, community groups, faith groups, educational and other institutions. They strive to have more supportive housing available in Ontario for people living with mental illness.

Responsibilities of Coordinator

- Provide support to the functioning of the Dream Team, supporting the Team to grow and assume responsibility
- Cultivate government and community partnerships
- Coordinate fundraising and other campaigns
- Coordinate getting information out about the Dream Team
- Outreach to politicians, community groups, faith groups, educational and other institutions.
- Arrange Dream Team presentations and coordinate member participation
- Provide support to the members of the Dream Team, helping each member to participate fully in the work of the team.
- Help team members to share skills / information
- Support organization of social events
- Manage the finances of the Dream Team
- Supervise other staff of the Dream Team

Qualifications required

- Strong management and advocacy skills and able to work independently with minimal supervision
- Strong interpersonal skills, able to provide support, encouragement and empowerment
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Good understanding of mental health and supportive housing issues and open to expanding their knowledge in these areas
- Demonstrated financial and administrative skills
- Strong community development skills
- Demonstrated leadership ability
- Excellent group facilitation skills and organizational skills

- Experienced with diversity and committed to promoting equity
- Proven fund raising ability
- Able to work a flexible work schedule including evenings and weekends
- Access to the use of a car is an asset

Salary: \$30.00 per hour (benefits under review)

Please send a résumé of experience and qualifications with a cover letter describing how your experience and skills meet the requirements of the position **by 12:00 noon on September 22, 2006** to:

The Personnel Committee
Dream Team
720 Spadina Avenue, Suite 316
Toronto, Ontario M5S 2T9

We thank all applicants for their interest but regret that only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Applications are encouraged from psychiatric survivors, people with disabilities, aboriginal people, women and people of colour.

In celebration and recognition of Psychiatric Survivor Pride

MAD Pride Weekend Events, September 14 - 17, 2006

All events are free and everyone is welcome

Thursday, September 14th, 2006. Opening And Awards Ceremony and Rights Forum at Parkdale Activity Recreation Centre, 1499 Queen Street West. Hosted by PARC and Parkdale Community Legal Services. 12:00 noon – 3:00 pm.

Friday, September 15th. Community Treatment Orders: Imprisoning with Drugs in the 21st Century. Presented by Erick Fabris. The Peace Lounge, 7th floor, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), 252 Bloor St. W. 4:00 – 5:00 pm.

Coalition Against Psychiatric Assault (CAPA) Reception. The Peace Lounge, 7th floor, OISE, 252 Bloor St. W. Presentation as well as an opportunity for question and answer. Refreshments served. 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

The Places We Share, a workshop presentation examining the nature of our shared existence on the margins of society by The Friendly Spike Theatre Band. The Alchemy Theatre, 133 Tecumseth St. (one block west of Bathurst, south of Queen St. W.) 8:00 – 9:00 pm.

Saturday, September 16th. Scenes from the House on Lippincott. A reading from the House on Lippincott by Bonnie Burstow. The Alchemy Theatre, 133 Tecumseth St. 2:00 – 3:00 pm.

Reception and Open House. Hosted by the Empowerment Council and featuring the work of Psychiatric Survivors Archives Toronto (PSAT). Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), The Empowerment Office, 1001 Queen St. W. 4:00 – 6:00 pm.

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Now, Who's Crazy Now? A one woman show chronicles one woman's journey from chaos to a fulfilled life of balance and recovery. Written and presented by Elly Litvak, Puzzle Factory Theatre. Alchemy Theatre, 133 Tecumseth St. 10:00 – 11:00 pm.

Sunday, September 17th, 2006. Writer's Open Stage, for anyone whose work uses experiences of psychiatric survivors and or madness. Including: Loretta Clark - 3 Rivers of Blood and Destiny and Caroline

Fei-Yeng Kwok - The Tormented Mind and Free to Fly and many more. The Alchemy Theatre, 133 Tecumseth St. 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

Patient Built Wall Tour. Guided by Geoff Reaume. Tour remembers the contributions of the men and women who lived worked and died in the Toronto Insane Asylum. The Grounds of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), 1001 Queen St. W. 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

Closing Reception: Remembering the Patients Past: The Last Hurrah, Post Wall Tour, a gathering in the Garden by the Wall, in remembrance of patients past with the hope of growing.

**For more information about MAD Pride Weekend contact
Ruth: 416 516-4740 or friendlyspike@primus.ca**