



**Cameray**  
Child & Family Services

# WORKING WITH TRANSGENDER CHILDREN & YOUTH: BUILDING YOUR TOOLBOX

Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - 9am – 4pm

Featuring Dr. Wallace Wong, Nadine Boulay  
(PhD Candidate) & Lukas Walther



This fast-paced one-day workshop features experts in the field of supporting transgender children and youth. It is appropriate for child and family therapists, psychologists, school counsellors, mental health clinicians, social workers, members of school-based teams, youth and family workers and community service providers. It is designed to provide specific tools to professionals who work with children and youth.



**MORNING:**

**Working with Children and Youth with Gender Dysphoria**

*Dr. Wallace Wong, Registered Psychologist*

**AFTERNOON:**

**Gender Vectors of the Greater Vancouver Area (GVGVA) Project**

*Nadine Boulay, MA, PhD Candidate*

**Supporting and Caring for Trans, Gender-Exploring and Gender  
Dysphoric Youth**

*Lukas Walther, Gender Diversity Specialist*

**EARLY BIRD RATE:**

**\$170**

(Until September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019)

**REGULAR RATE:**

**\$185**

(After September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019)

**STUDENT RATE:**

**\$150**

(10 seats available)

**LOCATION:**

Italian Cultural Centre  
3075 Slocan Street,  
Vancouver, BC

**LUNCH INCLUDED  
FREE PARKING**

**FOR MORE INFO:**

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This workshop is a fundraiser  
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Services

## **WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS**

### **Working with Children and Youth with Gender Dysphoria (Dr. Wallace Wong)**

This presentation will cover current research and clinical aspects of working with children and youth with gender dysphoria. Clinical topics include current treatment guidelines, making different clinical diagnoses for this population if necessary, the Three Tiers Model, and how this model assists clinicians in providing the best care for transgender youth and their families. The Triadic Therapy Model, such as psychotherapy, hormones and surgeries, will also be discussed. The presentation will also cover ways to develop a social transition plan for children who want to live their affirmed gender openly. The topic of diversity in this population and the spectrum of their identities will also be addressed.

### **Gender Vectors of the Greater Vancouver Area (GVGVA) Project (Nadine Boulay)**

This presentation will provide an overview of the Gender Vectors Project- a team of researchers at Simon Fraser University who are building a digital resource and teaching tool that aims to support transgender, non-binary, and gender nonconforming (T/NB/GN) young people. During this presentation we will discuss many of the current issues facing T/NB/GN young people in the Greater Vancouver Area, and learn some basic 'tools' can we use in our classrooms to create affirming spaces for T/NB/GN young people. The Gender Vectors project also demonstrates the necessity of an intersectional framework, considering the ways that experiences of race, gender, sexuality, and class shape the experiences and life chances of T/NB/GN young people. As a group we will learn and develop some basic skills to bring to our classrooms and communities to create more inclusive spaces for ALL youth, but especially for T/NB/GN young people.

### **Supporting and Caring for Trans, Gender-Exploring and Gender Dysphoric Youth (Lukas Walther)**

Throughout BC, dedicated healthcare and service providers are supporting their trans and gender-exploring youth as best they can, having had little if any relevant, applicable orientation themselves. The purpose of this presentation is to increase understanding as individuals, and confidence as care providers. A general outline of topics are as follows: general information (history of care in BC; terminology, identity and expression spectrum; social politics); transition motivators (social, biological; degrees of gender distress); psycho-social factors (family, friends, cultural, faith-based; safety; dating); reducing barriers (care access; inclusion indicators; documentation; bathrooms; pronouns; age-appropriate care and supports; common concerns and biases, of loved ones and care providers). Questions will be invited throughout, as a way to ensure aligning with attendee interest.

## **SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

**Wallace Wong** is registered psychologist in both California and British Columbia. He has been working with the GLBT population since 1996. While he continued to work with the GLBT population, he has also worked with children and youth who present with different sexual behavioural issues/ juvenile sex offenders for more than 16 years. He is currently working for the Ministry of Children and Family Development at the Adolescent and Children Sexual Health Program (ACSH), and the Gender Health Program. Dr. Wong also maintains his private practice working mainly with gender variant children and youth and their families. He has made numerous training and workshop both locally and internationally related to this population. Dr. Wong has done research for the transgender population for numbers of years, and they can found in different professional journals. He has written a chapter of a book named *Trans Activism: A Canadian Reader and Practical Guide*. He was also one of the reviewers/editors of Caring for Transgender Adolescents in BC: Suggested Guidelines and Moving Beyond Trans-Sensitivity: Developing Clinical Competence in Transgender Care - Project Summary and Analysis. Dr. Wong is also an author and published 2 transgender children book called, When Kathy is Keith, and It's Gay and It's Okay. These books have been positively received by the transgender communities.

**Nadine Boulay** (she/they) is a PhD Candidate in the Department of Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies at Simon Fraser University. She studies and writes about LGBTQ history and is the coordinator for the Gender Vectors of the Greater Vancouver Area (GVGVA) project, working with trans and non binary youth. Nadine lives and works on unceded Coast Salish territories by way of Treaty 1 territory.

**Lukas Walther's** career in front-line mental health spans 40+ years (20 in Gender Diversity) as a certified counselor, group facilitator, mentor and educator. He plays a unique role alongside local clinical Gender Diversity specialists, supporting and informing BC's transgender youth and adults, their families, care providers, employers and K-12 schools. He helped create and develop BC's Transgender Health Program, and currently runs several info-sharing discussion groups for trans and questioning youth, and for their parents and guardians, in partnership with MCFD, PLEA Community Services, SD 43 and Purpose Society. He is a repeat invited speaker at numerous post-grad institutes, well-known for splicing technical, clinical aspects of this field with his professional and personal lived experience to create context and clarity, and for utilizing common threads of human nature and wit to ignite empathy and understanding on these particularly complex matters.