



Brainworks Welcomes You To Our 3rd Annual Breakfast Seminar!

Understanding and Resolving Cultural Barriers: Rehabilitation within Arabic Speaking Communities

Thank you for attending this seminar. We trust you will enjoy hearing presentations on the latest from Psychological, Rehabilitation and Legal Professionals on current issues affecting the rehabilitation of Arabic speaking clients. Although information provided during this seminar will hone in on the Arabic community, general principles and considerations will be transferable to clients of diverse ethnicities.

Agenda:

8:00 - 8:30	Registration and Breakfast
8:30 - 9:30	Multicultural Panel Presentation
9:30 - 10:00	Questions / Networking



As professionals in the rehabilitation industry, we increasingly have the opportunity to work with clients from many cultural backgrounds. Ethnic perspectives in many areas of life, such as injury, pain, mental health, disability and rehabilitation, are not always widely understood in Canada. This Breakfast Seminar will examine the multicultural barriers to essential rehabilitation and legal services faced by Arabic speaking clients. We will discuss what can be done to uncomplicate their experience and facilitate a better understanding and knowledge of cultural perspectives to enable us to provide more effective services to our clients. We will highlight both the difficulties and the successes that Arabic speaking clients experience as they strive to live a meaningful life post injury.

Guest Speakers

Mr. Faisal Joseph, Partner, Leners LLP, specializes in Personal Injury Litigation and Insurance Defence Litigation. He has reported decisions, both civil and criminal, in Ontario and Nova Scotia provincial courts, the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal. In addition to serving on the boards of Childreach and St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation, he is the former President of the Islamic Centre of Southwestern Ontario (2001-2004). Newspaper columnist and television commentator, Mr. Joseph has worked with various hate crime committees and focus groups. He is a frequent lecturer on radio, television and newspaper regarding hate crimes, security legislation and interfaith dialogue.

Dr. Nidaa Khalil, Ph.D., C.Psych., has over 15 years of experience in counselling, assessment, intervention, treatment and teaching those with multicultural backgrounds, both in Lebanon and in Canada. As psychologist at Brainworks, under the supervision of Arden McGregor, Nidaa works closely with those facing the daily challenges of an acquired brain injury, chronic pain or other serious condition.

Mr. Abe Ibrahim, SSW, RSSW, CBIS, has been a rehabilitation therapist with Brainworks since 2008. Having earned his Social Service Worker Diploma, he has brought a wealth of knowledge, counselling and support skills to his work with clients and their families. In 2006, he received the Ethno-Cultural Council of London Academic Award, and most recently, earned his Certified Brain Injury Specialist designation.



We look forward to spending another fun and informative morning with you!

