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If You Can Read This . . . : Linking Literacy, Crime, Health and Injury Among Children and Youth

Speaker

Robert Seymour Wright



Description of Presentation

The jury is out. There is a link between literacy and children's wellness. But what are those connections and how do they work? Should we market literacy programming as crime prevention and intervention? And how do we promote literacy among the most at risk populations?

Robert Seymour Wright is a social worker who has worked with children, youth and families in a wide variety of settings over the past 20 years. He holds both Bachelor and Master's degrees in social work and has done some post graduate studies in the same field.

He has worked in community based settings as an anti poverty advocate and family mediator; in education, as a counsellor for at risk students and as a race relations coordinator; in child welfare, as a front line worker, supervisor, forensic clinician, and Executive Director; and in justice, as a correctional mental health specialist. In May of 2007, Mr. Wright was appointed to serve as the Executive Director of the Child and Youth Strategy of the Province of Nova Scotia. In this role, he is coordinating the efforts of five (5) key government departments as they work together to improve services to and outcomes of children and youth.

These are some of the questions Robert will ask (and maybe begin to answer) in this engaging plenary.

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