

Dealing with Pain and Complexity in the Struggle to Serve the Children's Best Interests.

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Dr. Anglin coined the term "pain-based behavior" in order to counteract misunderstandings and misguided reactions to children in residential care. Responding effectively to children's psycho-emotional pain, as well as to the triggering of their own secondary pain, is a central challenge for careworkers. Recent research by Dr. Anglin on the implementation of the Cornell CARE Program Model has highlighted the importance of adult development at all staff levels in child welfare agencies — front line, supervisory and management. Findings suggest that in order to be truly responsive to the needs and interests of the young people in care, agencies need to recognize the complexity of carework and actively support shifts in staff mindsets. The recent work of Robert Kegan on adult mindset development appears to offer useful insights into this process.

Monday, January 14, 2013 12:30 pm - 1:15 pm David Strong Building, Room C130

Bring your lunch. Coffee, tea & snacks will be provided. Please RSVP to Sandra Curran **scurran@uvic.ca**

