

SIVA Orientation Course

Facilitator(s):	Don Castaldi
Date(s):	<i>This is a multi-day event.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day 1: Nov 21, 2019 (9:00 am to 3:30 pm) • Day 2: Nov 22, 2019 (9:00 am to 3:30 pm)
Cost:	\$300.00 (includes lunch & workshop materials)
Location:	Edmonton (ERLC Office at Elmwood School) Room 17/18, 16325 - 83 Avenue
Session Code:	20-IE-032

Target Audience

Professionals who support individuals with emotional and behavioural challenges with complex needs.

Please bring a yoga mat on the second day.

About this Learning Opportunity

SIVA stands for Supporting Individuals through Valued Attachments and is a holistic, relationship-based model that effectively utilizes collaboration, goal-direction, self-management and healthy empowerment to strengthen relationships and create safety with persons with challenging behaviours and complex needs. An alternative to crisis-focused programs, the SIVA philosophy and guiding principles inspire problem solving, decision making and systemic change in how programs establish and maintain safety. The SIVA model is further represented by clear and concise relationship-based strategies of support that participants are able to apply immediately upon completion of the training.

The following are the core modules of the S.I.V.A. Program:

1. Self-Care; identify and manage compassion fatigue through self-introspection and support systems
2. Proactive Safety Management Evaluations
3. Development of Support Person / Individual Relationships and W.I.S.E Plans
4. Development of Communication Skills that are goal-directed and built upon collaborative W.I.S.E plans
5. Understanding Emergency Safety Interventions and multidisciplinary support
6. Emergency Safety Interventions for those situations that present an imminent risk of harm to self or others
7. Post Interventions Management through environmental safety, debriefing and critical incident reporting writing

About the Facilitator(s)

Dr. Don Castaldi has a doctorate in clinical psychology with specializations in attachment, trauma and forensics. He is a Founder of the SIVA Training programs and the Executive Director of [DC Waterstone Services](#), a private company providing therapy, consultation and training in the fields of clinical, organizational and forensic psychology. He is a perennial clinical advisor to Footholds Therapy Centre; an agency dedicated to providing education and therapy services to children and youth with Autism, FASD, trauma histories, and emotional / behavioural challenges. Dr. Castaldi is also perennial clinical advisor to Bill's Place; a residential therapy program supporting youth and adults with brain injury, trauma and dual diagnosis.

Dr. Castaldi has over 20 years of experience working with people of all ages with severe psychopathology, neuro-developmental challenges, addictive / obsessive behaviours and with people who have endured traumatic events and perpetrated acts of abuse. His clinical / forensic training and work experience has occurred in a myriad of environments from school, community therapy and industrial settings to hospital and forensic settings. Dr. Castaldi's extensive work with school and treatment programs has largely focused on understanding the complexity of severe psychopathology, abuse and challenging behaviours with the goal of building a consistent framework of support and sustainable change for educators and students.

During SIVA's Two-Day training participants receive guided instruction of the SIVA model and the grounding principles therein. In each module of the training participants receive clear and concise relationship-based strategies on how to apply the SIVA model.

Dr. Castaldi's work experience in organization / industrial settings has largely focused on self-care, leadership development and the building of capacity and productivity. He has also collaborated with companies to develop workplace culture stability and restorative models of support for professionals with emotional and interpersonal challenges and for individuals who have endured traumatic events and engaged in acts of abuse.

In forensic and criminal justice settings, Dr. Castaldi's astute examination and insight of severe psychopathology and violent / deviant behaviour has led him to be a sought after consultant and clinician on matters of dangerousness, sexual predatory behaviour, polygraph examination, police interviewing and crisis response.

In both Canada and the United States Dr. Castaldi has been celebrated for his knowledge, insight and ability to understand complex cases and transform how professionals think about the people they engage and support. Throughout all segments of his clinical, organizational and forensic work, the understanding of resilience, relational dynamics and the building of sustainable models of support have been paramount. Dr. Castaldi has infused his years of knowledge and experience into the SIVA model to offer professionals, families and individuals receiving support a comprehensive approach that honours attachment, holistic safety and our ability to grow.

This session is being offered on a cost recovery basis.