



GERSTEIN CENTRE

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Barbara Fitchette
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Dear Mr. Reville,

I am very pleased to welcome your participation in the first training program for staff of the Gerstein Centre. The mobile crisis team will be prepared to offer service starting on Monday, August 28th on a round the clock basis for discharged psychiatric patients in crisis and living within the City of Toronto. We will provide further details at the training session on Friday, August 18th.

The three week orientation and training will be in the boardroom of the Girl Guides of Canada at 50 Merton Street (487-5281). Merton Street is south of Davisville, just east of Yonge.

The format for the mornings (9:30 - 11:30) will be a panel presentation for the first hour, followed by a refreshment break and another (45 minute) opportunity for the staff to discuss any questions less formally with individuals from the panel.

Please refer to the enclosed agenda outlining the topic. If I have arranged with you to receive our staff at co-ordinated site visits in the afternoon (linking our services with yours) please ensure that the arrangements have been made. Also, if you have any training handouts, I can have them photocopied for distribution. Written information describing your program would also be helpful.

If you have any need of audio visual equipment or any questions, please call me or Paul Quinn. We look forward to seeing you on August 18th. Thank you again for your much appreciated support.

Yours truly,

Barbara Fitchette

Barbara Fitchette,
Co-Director

*P.S. If you are not able to attend, please call
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THE GERSTEIN CENTRE

The concept of the Gerstein Centre was initiated in 1982 when a proposal for a community-based crisis centre was submitted to Dr. Reva Gerstein. At Mayor Arthur Eggleton's request, Dr. Gerstein chaired "The Mayor's Action Task Force on Discharged Psychiatric Patients" and conducted a two year investigation into the situation surrounding discharged psychiatric patients living in the City of Toronto. The Task Force Final Report concluded that hundreds of psychiatric patients are discharged every year into an already overloaded social support system. When they find themselves in a state of crisis, usual coping mechanisms often break down and urgent assessment and intervention is needed, but seldom readily available.

The Gerstein Centre is a pilot project in Toronto, designed to provide a safe and supportive environment for the psychiatrically disabled who are in crisis. Clients will be received at the Gerstein Centre on a referral basis, mainly through a "mobile team" working from a base facility in downtown Toronto. The client's immediate and short term needs will be identified, and trained staff will assist the client to meet those needs at the Gerstein Centre, in the community or at other agencies. All services will be provided within a time limited basis in a supportive, "home-like" atmosphere, and clients will have access to the Gerstein Centre on a 24 hour, seven days/week, voluntary basis.

The Board of Directors of the Gerstein Centre is presently working closely with the Ministry of Health to enable the Gerstein Centre to begin operations in the Fall of 1989. The Board is chaired by Dr. Gerstein and is comprised of professionals in the field of mental health, representatives of social and government agencies, and concerned private individuals. Implementation of the Centre is being co-ordinated by Marilou McPhedran and Susan Bowen. We are currently establishing linkages with other community agencies and hospitals in Toronto, and we are negotiating with the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto for the site of the Gerstein Centre.

There is a very real and urgent need in Toronto for a facility which can provide a safe environment where those in crisis can be given the opportunity to stabilize and to find help to assess their problems to find workable solutions. The Gerstein Centre is such a facility.

February, 1989

TOPIC: *Alternative Perspectives*

Friday, August 18, 9:30 - 11:30

Rationale: awareness
 advocacy
 community development
 gaps in service

Presenters: Laurie Kociol - Self-Help Clearinghouse
 Pat Capponi - Board of Directors
 Dr. Ty Turner - Clarke Institute
 Keith Barrett - Community Worker
 David Reville, MPP - TBA

AFTERNOON:

Emergency First Aid (Part 2)
no visits
Street Health - later date
Central Neighbourhood House - later date

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13	14 # staff Hostel Program 3 Central Toronto Youth Services 3 Archway 2 Central Link 2	15 # staff Area Welfare Offices 2 Dixon Hall 2 Nellie's 2 Rendu House 2 Street Haven 2	16 X	17 [○] # staff A.R.F Detox 2 St Mike's Detox 2 Donwood 2 Jean Tweed 2 Harbour Light 2	18 X	19
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