MAKING SENSE OF OUR KIDS

WITH DR. GORDON NEUFELD

25-29 SEPTEMBER
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Is a Canadian developmental psychologist with over 40 years experience with children and youth and those responsible for them. Dr. Neufeld is known for, and has been sought out for, his work with traumatised individuals (children, adolescents and adults) and populations. He has keynoted at numerous conferences on Resilience and Trauma. He has recently been invited to Romania to address issues of trauma and recovery there.

Dr. Neufeld has worked extensively with children and youth in foster care as well as children adopted from overseas orphanages. He was invited by the United Nations to create and deliver a program in Burundi aimed at the recovery of child soldiers. He has done extensive work with aboriginal groups across Canada suffering from the effects of colonisation. Dr Neufeld was formally recognised by an international organisation - Reclaiming Youth International - with a Circle of Courage award in recognition of the alignment of Neufeld's attachment based developmental approach with the core aboriginal values of belonging, generosity, mastery and independence. His approach focuses on helping parents become the answer to their children regardless of the origins of the troubling behaviour. It puts parents back into the driving seat in regards to their children. He gives practical ideas to parents and anyone working with children and youth.
RESILIENCE, RECOVERY AND RELATIONSHIP

Monday 25 September 9am-4pm
$200pp.
(The first $100 tickets will be at the reduced rate of $100 due to sponsorship by the Red Cross)

Resilience is about the ability to bounce back to normal functioning after times of stress, or even better, to be capable of optimal functioning in the face of adversity. Resilience is not inherited and cannot be learned; it must be developed and childhood is the ideal time for this. In this day seminar, Dr Neufeld will discuss the essence of true resilience and reveal the keys to developing this capacity in our children and in ourselves. He will also share fresh understandings about the surprising role of play in resilience and recovery.

MAKING SENSE OF PRESCHOOLERS AND THOSE THAT ACT LIKE THEM

Tuesday 26 September 9am-4pm
$200pp

No one is more susceptible to being misunderstood than the preschooler. The preschooler could qualify for any number of personality and behavior disorders. Unlike infants and toddlers, preschoolers actually bear a resemblance to grown-ups and therefore fool us into thinking that they are much more like us than they really are. Rather than pushing them to be other than who they are, we can celebrate their differences. Instead of trying to get them to grow up, we can attend to providing the conditions that are conducive to their transformation. Knowing what preschoolers need from us is the key to knowing how to interact with them.
MAKING SENSE OF AGGRESSION
Thursday 28 September 9am-4pm
$200pp

There are many indicators that this problem is escalating among our children and youth. What is truly alarming is the attacking energy within and between our kids that erupts in their interaction, music, language, play, games and fantasies. Dr Neufeld provides a way of understanding that not only explains what is happening around us but also provides an insight into the individuals that present with this problem. His conceptual model has practical strategies for at home or school.

BULLYING: THEIR MAKING AND UNMAKING
Friday 29 September 9am-4pm
$200pp

Most assume that bullying is learned and therefore attempt to prune out the offending behavior using sanctions and consequences. Dr Neufeld dissects the bully syndrome to expose its deep instinctive roots, revealing in the process why this behavior is so immune to conventional means of intervention. His professional experience includes years of working with some of Canada’s most violent young offenders. This presentation has very practical implications that can be applied in a variety of settings.
THE ROOTS OF ATTACHMENT:  
BONDING WITH OUR KIDS  

Tuesday 26 September 7-9pm  
$10

This evening seminar is about how the capacity for relationship is meant to develop as well as why it is so necessary. The implications are profound not only for their ability to form fulfilling relationships in the future but how they are influenced by family and the impact of daycare, school and the digital world. Dr Neufeld’s life work has been to put the pieces of the attachment puzzle together. His six-stage model of attachment development has not only broken new ground in attachment theory, but provides a practical working model for parents and teachers to use in creating the context required for raising children in today’s world.

RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD:  
HOW TO TAKE THE LEAD  

Thursday 28 September 7-9pm  
$10pp

Today, technological advances make our lives easier in many ways. Technology has the power to bring people together, but it also has the power to separate. There is so much information, stimulation and entertainment that there is little room for one’s own thoughts, ideas, and emotions to be expressed. Dr. Neufeld will explore these issues and discuss what we can do as caring adults to facilitate healthy development and attachments in a world that is moving fast.
BOOKING INFORMATION

Seminars may be booked online for both daytime and evening seminars at Dash Tickets: www.dashtickets.co.nz. These will incur a small booking fee.

VENUE

SOUTH WEST BAPTIST CHURCH
Cnr Lyttelton Street and Cobham Street, Spreydon, Christchurch

PRICES

**Daytime seminars** - $200 pp until 11th September. After this date the price will be $220. These include lunch, morning and afternoon tea. Thanks to sponsorship from the Red Cross, the first 100 people registered for the Resilience, Recovery and Relationship seminar on Monday 25th September will pay a discounted rate of $100.

**Evening seminars** - $10 pp.