

Education Services NEWSLETTER

Bartimaeus Education Services provides specialized services tailored to the needs of students in the private and public school systems.

Over the past number of years, our Education Services have grown to include:



Direct Services: offered in schools and classrooms to at-risk and complex-needs students. The services also include group programming.

Consulting Services: developed around the implementation of policies and practices that best meet the needs of at-risk and complex-needs students.

Mentoring & Coaching Services: designed to meet the needs of administrative and management personnel as they take new roles.

Training Services: for teachers and staff who work with children with challenging behaviours or developmental difficulties.

Announcement!

PAT GAUGHAN MOVING INTO A NEW ROLE

Pat Gaughan, who has been involved with Bartimaeus for the past fifteen years in a variety of capacities, has become our Senior Vice President as of August 1, 2006. His principal focus will be on services that we provide to organizations that serve children and adolescents with severe emotional, behavioural, and educational difficulties. Pat is looking forward to working closely with Bartimaeus Service Co-ordinators, who provide education support to students in public and private schools in Ontario.

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Patrick Gaughan (left), Senior Vice President of Bartimaeus Inc., is welcomed to a new role by Bill Carty, President of Bartimaeus Inc.

NEW BARTIMAEUS PILOT PROJECT AT YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

In the 2006 - 2007 school year, fourteen school support workers will work with York Catholic District schools to bridge the gap between students receiving one-to-one support from a direct support worker, and those receiving weekly support from behavioural consultants.

The school support workers will work on self-regulation, social problem solving, anger management, conflict resolution, managing anxiety and advocacy, and will provide mentoring, role modelling, social skills training, stress and anxiety management, and counselling.

NEW INITIATIVES — ONTARIO

Bartimaeus services are being provided due to a number of new funding initiatives for children in their schools. Community mental health “flex” dollars and insurance funding for children with acquired brain injuries are two examples of ways in which our services are being funded in the students’ homes and/or schools. Our hope is that in the future more of these partnership arrangements can be established to ensure that children are supported in their learning.

P.A.S.S. PROGRAM — GREAT SUCCESS IN ONTARIO!



Susie Quadrini-Ferguson (left), Principal of Holy Jubilee Catholic Elementary School, and Larry Chapin, Director, Education Consulting Group - Ontario, discussing P.A.S.S. program.

Preparing for Adolescence and Social Success (P.A.S.S.) program has been running successfully in Québec for several years. We officially initiated the P.A.S.S. program in Ontario on February 21, 2006. The first school in Ontario to receive the program was Holy Jubilee Catholic Elementary School, of the York Catholic District School Board. Their three grade 8 classes were introduced to the program.

Shortly after the inception of the program, the YCDSB requested that six additional schools receive the program. These additional programs were all funded by community mental health “flex” dollars. By June of 2006, seventeen additional programs were provided.

We have received excellent feedback from all school principals.



Holy Jubilee grade 8 students working as a team to get a chalk mark as high as they could on the brick wall. At right, Peter Bartlik, P.A.S.S. program animator.

A number of additional school boards in Ontario are planning to introduce the P.A.S.S. program during the 2006 - 2007 school year.

The Bartimaeus P.A.S.S. program is listed on the Ministry of Education's registry of bullying prevention programs.

GREAT THINGS FROM QUÉBEC

The 2006-2007 school year continues to be one of growth and commitment to service for Bartimaeus in Québec schools. This year over 35 schools in the Greater Montréal region have already contracted to have Bartimaeus Associates provide a range of services. In addition to elementary and high schools that require direct support for challenging students, we also offer specific programs and workshops including:



- “Preparing for Adolescence and Social Success” (P.A.S.S.), a highly interactive character education and social skills program for students aged 8 to 14.
- “Study Skills and Organizational Methods”, “Transition to High School”, and “Homework Hurdles” are each programs designed to support learning in the classroom and at home.
- “Playground Leadership Programs” (PLP) provide leadership training for senior elementary students as well as structured recess and lunchtime activities animated by students for students - a proven way to reduce bullying, aggression, and chaos during free time.
- Practical workshops for lunch supervision staff that blend on-site observation with solution-focused discussions to improve behaviour management in the lunch room and the school yard.
- Behaviour management workshops provided for teachers by Associates with years of direct classroom and administrative experience with some of our most challenging children.
- Parent workshops that cover a range of needs as expressed by teachers, administrators, and parents themselves. These include among others: bullying prevention, transition to high school, behaviour management, homework solutions, and parents as partners.

Doug Brice, Director of Services, is extremely pleased that, along with the highly skilled group of Associates working with Québec schools, **Paul Saunders** will continue with Bartimaeus as a special consultant to Education Services. A former teacher and administrator of extremely challenging inner-city schools, Paul brings practical and experience-based support to Bartimaeus Education Services and our clients.

NORTHERN QUÉBEC UPDATE

We continued to provide services to the Kativik School Board in the Nunavik region of Québec. Over the past school year, we provided service in six different communities, assisting school personnel in the development of:

- ◇ policies and procedures to meet the unique and special needs of students
- ◇ specific intervention strategies
- ◇ crisis intervention responses
- ◇ critical incident debriefing

Dennis Farley, Bartimaeus Service Director, is continuing to work not only with the school board in northern Québec, but also with social services, to ensure that vulnerable children and adolescents are receiving the services they require.



Larry Chapin, Director,
Education Consulting
Group

THE YEAR IN REVIEW!

I have really enjoyed my new role with the company. Over a thirty-year period in the field of education, I was very blessed to experience a number of positive changes, and my new role with Bartimaeus is no different in that respect. Working with five school boards has been fantastic. Having the opportunity to engage and problem-solve with so many new people has been very rewarding. I am pleased to say that we have accomplished a number of firsts this past year in the areas of training, group services and pilot programming. It has been great to sit down with former and new colleagues and say to them “I think we can help you” . The very best part of it all is that we help to make a child’s day even better!!!

STAFF WORKSHOPS

In February, 2006, three hundred Toronto District School Board Educational Assistants participated in several highly successful workshops titled "Effective Behavioural Interventions for the Classroom: Moving from Reacting to Planned Response Intervention". Bartimaeus Associates **Paul McCormack** and **Teresa Lorentz** delivered the workshops, and **Manon Gardner** of the TDSB was a key member on the organizing committee for that day.

What we do in summer time:

SOCIAL SKILLS TRAINING FOR CAMP COUNSELLORS



We offer interactive workshops for camp counsellors of both day and residential camps.

The workshops emphasize positive social and peer interactions among campers, and teach camp counsellors how to use activities to maximize positive group and individual behaviours. The activities also address negative behaviours that interrupt group camp activities.

The workshops include a wide variety of topics and related activities, and are customized to meet the needs of the particular camp, their campers, the staff members, and the individual camp resources and requirements.

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