The ICCA Ontario Chapter – A United Voice for Corrections Conference March 20th was a great success!

Participants received key training on the Opioid Crisis and Impact of Aging on Work in Community Corrections.

We welcomed Howard Sapers - Independent Advisor on Correctional Reform in Ontario as our Keynote Speaker. Howard provided an overview of his work and Bill 195 noting that this Bill will make “transformational changes, not just tinkering – it rethinks our approach to corrections”, reminding us it is an exciting time to be doing this work. Howard received the 2018 ICCA Presidents Award at the Event. ICCA President Ellen Donnarumma from Community Resources for Justice in Boston presented Howard with the Award acknowledging his leadership in our field and his commitment to those we serve, naming him a “a moving force in Provincial Correctional Reform.

The conference wrapped up with closing keynote Perry Mason, Former Municipal Police Officer, who offered a presentation on Restorative Approaches in our Communities.

Perry shared many experiences of international work with youth and his own personal family story to inspire our work.

*ICCA Ontario Chapter welcomes new members.

**THERE IS REAL VALUE IN MEMBERSHIP:**

- Giving a united ‘community corrections voice’ for those who deliver residential and community programs for adults and youth to influence government philosophy, policy and funding.
- Providing a place to share evidence based practices and create collaboration and partnerships.
- Creating opportunities to interact with fellow professionals in Ontario, across Canada and Internationally with United States, the UK, Japan and others.
- Sharing of important announcements, distributions and information from the field and across government bodies.

What attendees are saying about...

**The Conference:**
Excellent! Relevant and very informative conference!
Great opportunity for development and networking with other agencies.

**The Keynotes:**
Great insight into working with our clients and giving hope to for a positive future in the field.

**The Breakout Sessions:**
Excellent opportunity for discussion with colleagues in the field.

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