

## **Introductory PASSING Workshop**

**Co-sponsored by: Southern Ontario Training Group (SOTG) & Community Living Welland Pelham**

**Dates and times:** Sunday, June 8, 2025 (6:30 pm) - Friday, June 13, 2025 (1:30 pm), including evening sessions

**Location:** Residence and Conference Center - Seneca College, Newnham Campus  
1760 Finch Ave E, Toronto ON M2J 5G3

**Fees:** **Early** registration \$725.00 (until April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025)      \$775.00 (**after** April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025)

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**Workshop Description:** PASSING workshops are designed to enable participants with previous Social Role Valorization (SRV) training to gain a deeper understanding of devaluation and of how the promotion of valued social roles may enable people who are devalued to experience "the good thing of life". The workshop is directed at anyone who is interested in bringing about change in the lives of devalued people, including families, human service workers and managers, service users, students, advocates, board members, and others. **Prerequisite:** Full attendance at a multi-day SRV workshop (typically a 3- or 4-day format). Details required upon registration.

**Workshop format:** There are plenary sessions at the beginning and end of the workshop-at the beginning to provide an overview of PASSING and at the very end, to share and reflect upon what we have all learned. In between, participants are organized into teams of about six people plus a Team Leader. The teams visit two different human service programs (e.g., a group residence, school program, adult day support program, etc.). Following each visit, the team uses the PASSING manual to consider how the program contributes (or impedes) the development of valued social roles. This analysis will last well into the evening hours of each day.

**Important note:** PASSING workshops require an intense commitment of time and energy. Participants should arrive well rested and plan to forego all outside involvement during the workshop. Participants must be fully present and participate throughout the entire workshop, including all evening sessions. Because of this we advise all participants to stay at the workshop location - Seneca College Residence and Conference Center.

**PASSING manual:** All participants need their own PASSING manual (3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Ed), which can be ordered directly through Valor Press for \$70 + tax & shipping. <https://presse.valorsolutions.ca/en/passing>

**Accommodation & Food:** Participants must book their own accommodation at the workshop location- Residence and Conference Center - Seneca College (Newnham Campus). Each newly renovated suite includes two separate bedrooms, a shared kitchenette and bathroom. **SOTG** reduced rate of \$135 + tax per suite, per night (\$67.50+ tax/pp if sharing). Parking is available at the residence. **CLICK to book accommodation**  
Participants are responsible for their own food. There are many food options on campus.

### **The workshop leadership:**

**Erica Baker-Tinsley:** Erica is a Professor and Coordinator of the Developmental Services Worker Program at Loyalist College. Over the past 25 years, she has been involved in teaching SRV to service workers, administrators, families, and students at both high school and post-secondary levels. She is a member of the Southern Ontario Training Group, and the North American SRV Council.

**Donald Easson:** As a Centennial College Professor, Donald worked to integrate SRV into human service worker training. Donald's concern for vulnerable people has taken him to Uganda, Pakistan, Cuba, and India in a variety of volunteer positions as teacher, evaluator, and hospital worker. He is a founding member of the Southern Ontario Training Group and presents at SRV workshops in Canada, the US, and Ireland. He has a background in developing and providing residential services for people with behavioral, physical and intellectual disabilities.

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