



COMOX VALLEY  
Child Development Association

presents:

Two Workshops – Two Locations  
with

**Dr. Gabor Maté**

Friday, February 24, 2012

Saturday, February 25, 2012

**Addictions**

Location:

**Stan Hagen Theatre**

North Island College, 2300 Ryan Road, Courtenay

Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm - *no admittance after 7:05 pm*

Cost: \$20.00 \* *seating limited, register early*

The Friday evening presentation will focus on addictions and new approaches to treating addictions based on an understanding of the biological and socio-economic roots of addiction, e.g. early adversity (stress, mistreatment, and particularly childhood abuse).

Dr. Maté believes that a system which marginalizes, ostracizes, and institutionalizes people in facilities with no care and easy access to drugs only worsens the problem. He feels that society needs to change the policies that disadvantage certain minority groups, causing them more stress and therefore putting them at increased risk for addictions.

**Kids In Chaos: Child Development in a Stressed Society**

Location:

**Florence Filberg Centre**

411 Anderton, Courtenay (behind Sid Williams Theatre)

Time: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Cost: \$100.00 \* *lunch not included*

The Saturday full day presentation, Kids in Chaos: Child Development in a Stressed Society will be based on Dr. Maté's four best-selling books. It will focus on child/brain development, attachment, the parent/child relationship, and the apparent loss of resilience in our children.

Dr. Maté's presentation will be evidence-based, balanced with a compassionate understanding of today's challenges and will provide practical means to resolve them.

This workshop will be of interest to community professionals working with children and teenagers as well as parents, grandparents and family members.

**REGISTRATION:**

***Payment must be received at time of registration***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Type:**

Cheque    Cash    Visa

VISA Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Two Workshops - Two Locations:**

- \$ 20 Friday evening - Addictions
- \$ 100 Saturday - Kids in Chaos
- \$ 120 Both Friday and Saturday events

Registrations and payment must be received before **Feb 15, 2012**

Mail cheques (with registration) to:

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Courtenay, BC V9N 1E1**

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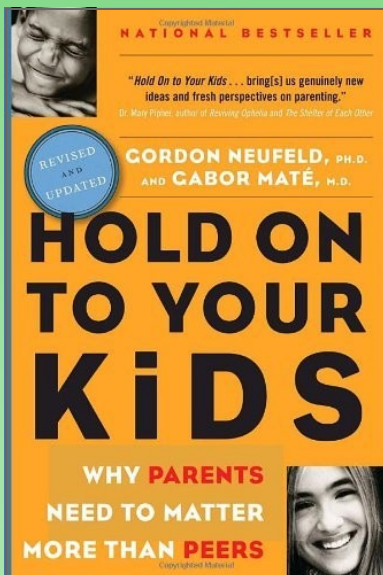
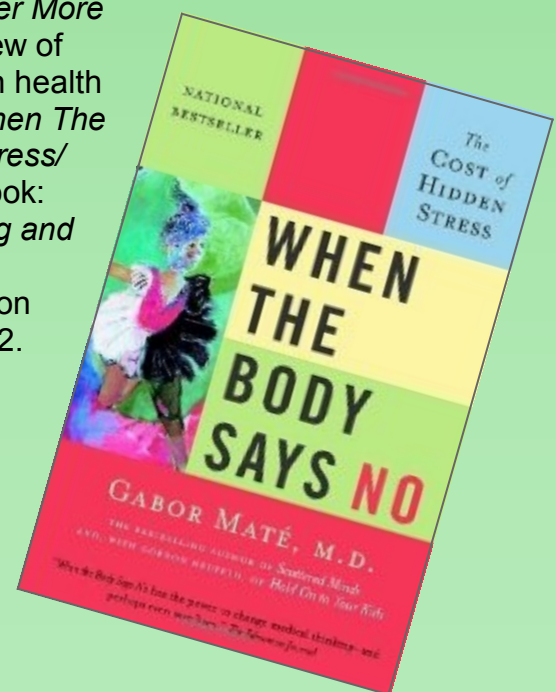
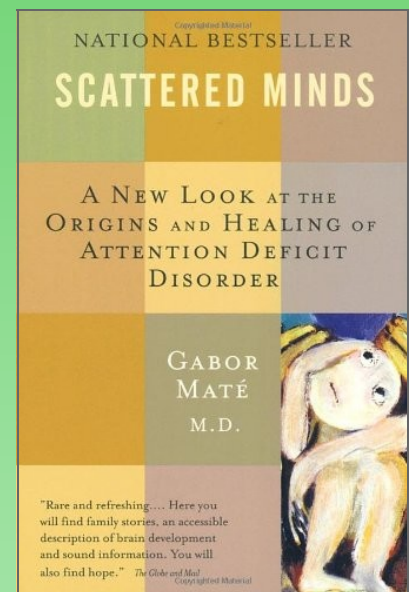
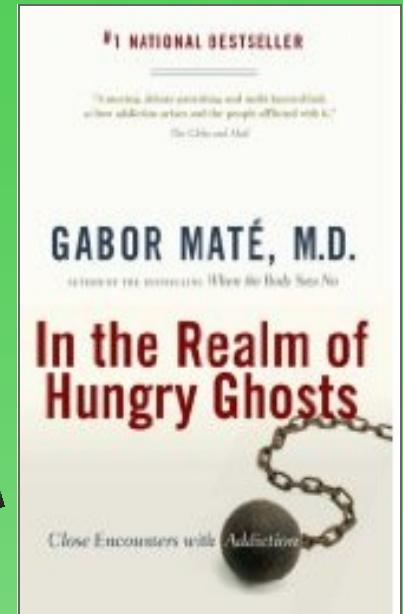
# Gabor Maté, MD



Gabor Maté M.D. is a physician and author. As a public speaker, Dr. Maté addresses professional and lay audiences all over North America. His four books are all Canadian bestsellers, published internationally in nearly twenty languages, the most recent, *In the Realm of Hungry Ghosts: Close Encounters with Addiction*.

Gabor has worked as a family practitioner and as Medical Coordinator of the Palliative Care Unit at Vancouver Hospital, caring for the terminally ill. He is currently working in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside with patients challenged by hard core drug addiction, mental illness and HIV.

Gabor's interests encompass childhood developmental issues, adolescent mental health, and parenting issues. His books include *Scattered* on Attention Deficit Disorder and *Hold On To Your Kids: Why Parents Need to Matter More Than Peers*. He has a unique view of stress and the mind/body unity in health and illness that he outlines in *When The Body Says No: Exploring The Stress/Disease Connection*. His next book: *The Bully Syndrome: The Making and Unmaking of Bullies and Victims*, co-written with Dr. Gordon Neufeld, will be published in 2012.



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