



## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS for ASI 2017

### *Symposium on Promoting Child and Youth Mental Health: Moving Evidence to Action*

August 21-23, 2017  
Holland College, Charlottetown, PEI

## **AUGUST 22 – CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

### ***EXPLORING THE EVIDENCE - PRESENTATIONS AND CONVERSATION***

On August 22, from 1:30 – 3:00 pm, five concurrent sessions will be offered in thematic areas to engage discussion on the growing body of evidence about the importance of promoting mental health for children and youth. **Each session will feature three presenters, who will each have 15 minutes to present** their findings and implications for policy and/or practice in promoting child and youth mental health. Presentations will be followed by general discussion on the question: *What are the implications for policies and programs?* Results of these discussions will contribute to the Call to Action that will conclude the program of ASI 2017. Academic or community-based researchers are invited to present evidence from diverse sources such as traditional research, evaluation of promising practices, and narratives of lived experience.

## **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

There is a growing body of evidence about the importance of promoting mental health for children and youth. Diverse sources of evidence include researchers, evaluators of promising practices, and people with lived experience. Researchers can be academic or community-based, using both traditional and innovative methods.

We invite submissions that provide evidence related to policies and programs that address universal (for all) and targeted (vulnerable groups and those at higher-risk) approaches to promoting child and youth mental health across diverse sectors and in key settings including: home, schools, colleges, communities, online, and health services. Themes will be determined once abstracts have been selected.

## **PROCESS OF SELECTION**

We ask that you send us an abstract of your project using the online template that is provided with this call. **The deadline for receiving an abstract is Monday, June 5, 2017 at 12:00pm (noon) Atlantic time.**

A panel of reviewers will review the abstracts and select projects that:

- relate to the theme of child and youth mental health;
- demonstrate evidence of promising collaborative practices, policies, research;

We are looking for abstracts in **French** and/or **English** from:

- researchers and evaluators:
- community groups
- practitioners
- educators
- policy makers
- students
- parents/caregivers

If you have a project that meets these criteria, we want to hear from you! We will give priority to proposals from Atlantic Canada, but we also encourage others to submit abstracts.

## **WRITING YOUR ABSTRACT**

Abstracts must be submitted online at

[www.thequaich.pe.ca/UltimateSurvey/takeSurvey.asp?surveyID=420](http://www.thequaich.pe.ca/UltimateSurvey/takeSurvey.asp?surveyID=420)

You will be asked to complete a template that will include:

- a description of your presentation
- the connection / relationship between your presentation and the theme ***Promoting Child and Youth Mental Health: Moving Evidence to Action***
- what others will learn from your presentation
- implications for policy and practice
- a short biography
- contact information

*Helpful hint: Try writing your presentation description in a Word or WordPerfect document, then cut and paste it into the template (some answers have a limit on the number of words).*

## **COMMUNICATION ABOUT THE REVIEW PROCESS**

We will send you an automated acknowledgement when we receive the abstract of your presentation. We will notify you if your application is successful or not. Abstracts will be reviewed by a panel and decisions will be communicated by June 15.

## **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS**

We are accepting abstracts until **Monday, June 5, 12:00 noon** (Atlantic Time). We will not accept late submissions.

## **SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION**

Agreeing to accept an offer to present confirms that you agree to register for the Symposium and make this presentation as scheduled. The Symposium will be a learning experience for all attendees,

including presenters. We request that all presenters commit to attending the full Symposium, from August 21-23.

You will need to cover the costs of registration, accommodations and travel. Most meals during the ASI are included as part of the registration. It is also possible for a presenter to apply for a subsidy for travel, accommodation, and meals that are not covered by the registration. A limited number of subsidies are available to participants and presenters from Atlantic Canada attending the full program. For additional information on subsidies, please consult the ASI website. Presenters may apply for a subsidy at [www.asi-iea.ca/en/subsidies2017](http://www.asi-iea.ca/en/subsidies2017).

## **QUESTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For questions regarding the call for presentations, e-mail us at [info@asi-iea](mailto:info@asi-iea) or call 902.894.3399.