



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 23 – CONCURRENT SESSIONS

INNOVATIONS TO PROMOTE CHILD & YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

On August 23, from 10:45-12:00, ASI 2017 will feature five concurrent sessions. **Each session will feature a 30-minute presentation followed by discussion of key questions with participants:** *How are these innovations building on evidence? What policies exist or are needed to support and expand these initiatives?* Results of these discussions will contribute to the Call to Action that will conclude the program of ASI 2017.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

New and innovative programs that have positive impacts on child and youth mental health are given many labels such as “best practice” “promising practice” or “wise practice” by those who recognize their promise. But how do these programs benefit a wider population? Often it is only through a planned process of scaling up for collective impact. In this session, a number of initiatives that are now being scaled up to improve child and youth mental health in Atlantic Canada will be featured. Researchers and/or leaders of these projects are invited to submit.

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 scale up of tested innovative collaborative practices, policies, research in Atlantic Canada

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

- researchers and project leaders
- 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=421

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 and requirements for scale up, i.e., policies, resources, training
- 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.

QUESTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For questions regarding the call for presentations, e-mail us at info@asi-iea or call 902.894.3399.

DEFINITIONS

Scaling up - One definition of scaling up is that it is “a deliberate effort to increase the impact of successfully tested health innovations so as to benefit more people and to foster policy and program development on a lasting basis.”(WHO ExpandNet, 2010).

Collective Impact - A framework to tackle deeply entrenched and complex social problems. It is an innovative and structured approach to making collaboration work across government, business, philanthropy, non-profit organisations and citizens to achieve significant and lasting social change. www.collaborationforimpact.com/collective-impact