



## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS – CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**ASI 2018 Forum: Let's Act Together!**  
***Developing a whole society approach to promoting child and youth mental health***

**August 20-22, 2018**  
**University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, PEI**

### **AUGUST 21 – CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

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

On August 21, 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 questions: *How does this work fit into and advance the Call to Action? What are the implications for upstream investment and a whole society approach to mental health promotion?* Results of these discussions will contribute to advancing the 2017 Call to Action. 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.

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These concurrent sessions will share evidence that complements and adds to our understanding of child and youth mental health promotion. Five concurrent sessions will be offered in thematic areas. Community-based or academic researchers are invited to present evidence from diverse sources such as traditional research, evaluation of promising practices, and narratives of lived experience.

We invite submissions that provide evidence related to policies and programs where people work collaboratively to 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, May 21, 2018 at 5:00 PM** 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

<http://www.thequaich.pe.ca/UlimateSurvey/takeSurvey.asp?surveyID=438>

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 ***Let's Act Together! Developing a whole society approach to promoting child and youth mental health***
- 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 5.

## DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

We are accepting abstracts until **Monday, May 21 at 5pm** Atlantic Time. We will not accept late submissions.

## **FORUM REGISTRATION**

Agreeing to accept an offer to present confirms that you agree to register for the Forum and make this presentation as scheduled. The Forum will be a learning experience for all attendees, including presenters. We request that all presenters commit to attending the full Forum, from August 20-22.

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/subsidies-2018](http://www.asi-iea.ca/en/subsidies-2018).

## **QUESTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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