

ADVANCE NOTICE

Health & Wellbeing in Children, Youth, and Adults with Developmental Disabilities:

Autism, Intellectual Disabilities and Other Neurodevelopmental Disorders

Pre-Conference Workshops: September 29th, 2010

Main Conference: September 30th, October 1st, 2010

Location: The Coast Plaza Hotel and Suites, 1763 Comox Street, Vancouver, BC

Reserve today to avoid disappointment by calling toll free: 1-800-716-6199 or local: 604-688-7711 or online: www.coasthotels.com (Online-code: CPS-GFC4265.) **Let hotel reservations know that you are booking under the HEALTH AND WELLBEING Conference room block** to receive the reduced rate of \$175 (double occupancy.) The rooms can be shared at only \$88 per person; however, it is your responsibility to find a roommate.

Conference Description:

The term Developmental Disabilities (DD) refers to individuals with Intellectual Disability, Autism, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and other Neurodevelopmental Syndromes (Fragile X, etc.). Children, youth and adults with Developmental Disabilities are vulnerable to high rates of general health and mental health concerns. These concerns impact significantly on the affected individual's quality of life as well as their families, caregivers and the community. British Columbia has closed its institutions for individuals with DD, but the struggle to develop quality specialized services where appropriate, as well as ensuring access to generic health services continues.

This conference will provide education and informative updates on psychiatric, behavioural and complex health components specific to individuals with DD, and showcase best practices in the field. Specifically, the conference will focus on approaches to complex challenging behaviours, contributing medical issues and new developments in medication and behavioral treatment. In addition, the conference will address important health issues including Reflux, Pain, Epilepsy, Dental Management and Sleep. Health problems in common genetic syndromes such as Down and Fragile X will also be addressed.

Objectives:

- To increase awareness of the interrelatedness of physical and mental health for individuals with Developmental Disabilities
- How to maximize health in order to minimize disability and improve function
- Understanding the fit between the capacity of an individual and the structure and expectations of their environment
- Share knowledge and common experiences with others working in the field.

Who Should Attend:

The conference will be of interest to an interdisciplinary audience including:

- ABA Therapists
- Audiologists
- Behaviour Therapists
- Caregivers
- Case Managers/Planners
- CLBC Staff
- Counselors
- Direct Service Professionals
- Dentists
- Dental Hygienists
- Educators
- Families
- Family Physicians & Specialists
- FASD Keyworkers
- Health Authority Staff
- Interdisciplinary Teams
- Lawyers
- Mental Health Therapists
- MCFD Staff
- Nutritionists
- Nurses
- Occupational Therapists
- Pharmacists
- Physical Therapists
- Policy Makers
- Program Managers
- Psychologists
- Public Guardians and Trustees
- Researchers
- Self-Advocates
- Social Workers
- Speech and Language Pathologists
- University and College Programs

And anyone who is interested in or who works in the field of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities.

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DEADLINE FOR POSTER SUBMISSIONS - January 15, 2010

Please Note: For presenters of accepted poster presentations, the conference does not cover honoraria, accommodation, travel or other associated expenses. However, the **primary** poster presenter will be asked to pay a reduced registration fee to attend the conference.

CALL FOR POSTERS:

The 2nd National Health & Wellbeing in Developmental Disabilities Conference provides an excellent forum for authors to present their work in an interactive setting. Posters are ideal for presenting scientifically based investigation, clinical case studies, and demonstration of community projects. Posters are intended to provide authors and participants from a variety of disciplines with the ability to connect with each other and to engage in discussions about the work.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION:

- Related to the conference objectives (please refer to Advance Notice)
- Poster summary (300 words or less) must be submitted by online electronic submission at www.interprofessional.ubc.ca or by e-mail to ipdocs@interchange.ubc.ca in Word Document format (.doc) or in Rich Text Format (.RTF)
- Submission Deadline: January 15, 2010
- Poster Summary Formatting
 1. Title of presentation
 2. Author name(s), organization name(s), presenter name(s) (if different). List **primary presenter's name first & underlined**
 3. Street address, city, province/state, postal code, telephone number, fax number & email address of **all poster presenters**
 4. Purpose: Present main research questions, hypothesis, reasons for undertaking the investigation
 5. Methods: Include descriptions of participants, procedures, instrumentation, data analysis, or the equivalent
 6. Results: Results presented in the poster can be preliminary, incomplete (in process of data collection), and can include anticipated or speculated results
 7. Implications: Clearly present the "take home messages" from your investigation as it relates to mental health and developmental disabilities in Canada. Keeping in mind the goal of the conference is to encourage interaction between disciplines and between health care practitioners, researchers, and administrators
 8. References: Include approximately five references on which the current work has been based on

Exhibits

Organizations interested in exhibiting programs related to developmental disabilities are invited to contact the conference organization for more information. Exhibit space is limited.