



Calgary and Area Regional Collaborative Service Delivery e-Newsletter

Celebrating Family Day

Families are central to the wellbeing of children and youth, and to the work of Calgary and Area RCSD. When we think of families, we think of all the variations and combinations of individuals and cultures that make up families in our society and that provide the context for children and youth to thrive. But for a child or youth, the concept of family is simply their own. It includes their siblings, parents, guardians, alternate caregivers, or whoever they identify as their family of choice or natural supports. It entails their own unique heritage, culture, traditions, and ways of relating. As we prepare to celebrate Family Day, we honour the diversity of families and the richness that this diversity brings to the lives of children and youth, to our work, and to society at large.

Whatever your family looks like, or however you define your family, on Family Day be sure to rejoice in its uniqueness and spend quality time with the people you care about.

Upcoming Opportunities

Primary Health Care Reform – What does it Mean for Canadian Children and Youth

Webinar

February 22, 9:00 – 10:00 am

This webinar will summarize findings from a CIHR funded investigation of primary health care services for children and youth in Canada using a range of sources including stakeholder questionnaires, national surveys, and other health administrative data recently released as part of a new online module focused on Primary Care Services.

Click [here](#) for more information and click [here](#) to register.

Research to Action: A Cup of Tea With... Stakeholder Engagement

Webinar Series

February 23, 2017 7:00 – 7:30 am

Research to Action is launching a series of webinars to help development researchers and communications professionals unpack the term 'research uptake'. The webinars will be held on the last Thursday of every month and make use of a pool of expert contributors across the different areas and components of research uptake, providing an accessible forum to enable more effective peer learning.

Click [here](#) to register.

Promising and Established Practices for Family Caregiver Engagement: Family Caregiver Community of Interest Webinar 1

Webinar

February 28, 2017 10:00 – 11:00 am

This webinar will be of interest to service providers, family caregivers, family organizations, and organizational leadership interested in learning about the family support model within the mental health services at St. Joseph's Health Centre. Gain insight about the adaptability of model system wide.

Click [here](#) to register.

Compassion and Action: KIMMAPIIYIPITSSIN Social Work with First Nations Children Today and for the Future

Workshop

March 15, 2017 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Addressing inequality, igniting change, discussing displacement, addressing trauma and its impact with Charlene Bearhead, Education Lead for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Depression and Anxiety in Children and Youth: Innovative Approaches to Evidence-Based Practice Conference
March 19 – 22, 2017

Early Bird registration is available for the 49th annual Banff International Conference on Behavioural Science. This conference will highlight both the challenges and opportunities in addressing depression and anxiety in children and youth, with an emphasis on identifying practical implications for mental health professionals, educators, and researchers.

Click [here](#) for more information and click [here](#) to register.

Grief and Trauma in First Nations Children

Workshop

March 22, 2017 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Dr. Martin Brokenleg presents information on the Circle of Courage which offers concrete strategies for creating environments in which all young people can grow and flourish.

Click [here](#) to register.

Network Leadership Training Academy

Conference

April 26 – 28, 2017

The University of Colorado Denver School of Public Affairs presents the Network Leadership Training Academy (NLTA). This conference will develop skills for engaging in the “network way of working”.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

National Forum on Infant, Child, and Youth Mental Health: Promoting Innovation, Impact, and Implementation

Save the Date

May 24 – 25, 2017

University of Calgary

The Canadian Association of Social Workers’ conference will focus on addressing mental health vulnerabilities across service systems, innovation in mental health prevention, and new approaches to services.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Techniques of Grief Therapy: Creative Practices for Counseling the Bereaved

Workshop

June 15 – 16, 2017 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

This two-day workshop offers in-depth training in several of these techniques, nesting them both within the therapeutic relationship and in the context of current theories and research that provide flexible frameworks for intervention.

Click [here](#) to register.

International Play Association Triennial World Conference

Conference

September 13 – 16, 2017

This conference will bring together dedicated play researchers, practioners, and advocates from around the globe to celebrate play, understand its many benefits, and provide all children with the chance to engage in rich, meaningful free play... every day.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Reports and Research

Calgary Regional Consortium eNewsletter

The Calgary Regional Consortium (CRC) provides professional learning opportunities. See their newsletter upcoming training sessions.

Click [here](#) to view their website for the Newsletter and Program Offerings.

Please take a moment to forward this eNewsletter to your colleagues and encourage them to sign up at: <http://www.CalgaryandAreaRCSD.ca/news-and-events/newsletter-signup/>. We send out an eNewsletter once a month between September and June with reviewed information relevant to everyone who works together for children and youth.

Beyond the Social: Introduction with Margo Greenwood and Sarah de Leeuw

The National Collaborating Centre for Aboriginal Health (NCCAH) has started a ten-video series of interviews with authors who have contributed to the publication *Determinants of Indigenous Peoples' Health in Canada: Beyond the Social*.

Click [here](#) to access the video.

Jordan's Principle: Improving Health Outcomes for Indigenous Children and Youth

A recording of Dr. Cindy Blackstock's presentation at Alberta Children's Hospital from November 28, 2016 is now available online.

Click [here](#) to access the video.