

The 50th Banff International Conference on Behavioural Science

Ideal Mental Health Services for Children and Youth: The Next 50 Years

March 18 to 21, 2018
Banff, Alberta, Canada



The 2018 Banff International Conference on Behavioural Science will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Banff Conferences, making them one of the longest running annual conferences on behavioural science in the world. The first Conference was held in Banff during the spring of 1969 with the theme, ***Ideal Mental Health Services***. While many advances in mental health services have been instituted in the decades following the first meeting, major challenges remain.

The theme of the 2018 Conference is: **"Ideal Mental Health Services for Children and Youth: The Next 50 Years."** The program of keynote speakers and workshops features prominent scientist-practitioners in the field of mental health services who will present cutting-edge social and behavioural research on mental health problems in children and youth along with individual, family and system-oriented solutions to these challenges. The program consists of major addresses as well as workshops designed to provide healthcare practitioners, researchers and policy makers with specific and implementable skills.

To date, the 49 prior Banff Conferences have promoted evidence-based, effective services in schools, health care facilities, homes and the community. The first conference was a resounding success, inspiring the continuing conferences described on our website: <https://banffbehavsci.ubc.ca/>. In recent years, conferences have examined issues concerning research, policy and practice on a wide variety of topics, including anxiety and depression in children and youth, autism, bullying, mental health in the workplace, fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, and dissemination of evidence-based practices in children's mental health. Conferences often have focused on the needs of children and their families. Mental health services have advanced dramatically over the past 50 years, and we are proud to have been among the first to bring these advances to the attention of previous attendees and to train practitioners in cutting-edge mental health interventions.

Plenaries

Evidence-Based Mental Health Services for Children and Youth: Past, Present and Future
Peter Szatmari, University of Toronto

Transforming Children's Lives Through Evidence-Based Parenting Support: Lessons Learned and Challenges Ahead
Matthew Sanders, University of Queensland

Do We Need 50 More Years to Advance Treatments of Anxiety and Depression in Youth?
Anne Marie Albano, Columbia University Medical Center

**Building Positive School Communities and Resilient Students:
Recent Science and Practical Strategies for Promoting Social and Emotional Learning in School**
Kimberly Schonert-Reichl, University of British Columbia

The History and Future of Treatment for Children with ADHD and Other Disruptive Behaviour Disorders
William Pelham, Florida International University

Improving Children's Mental Health: The Policy Opportunities in Canada
Charlotte Waddell, Simon Fraser University

Workshops

Integrating adolescent substance abuse treatment into behavioural health practice
Holly Waldron, Oregon Research Institute

**Pre-empting student mental health challenges
Earlier identification and intervention: Joining the perspective of ECE's and special education teachers**
David Philpott and Jane Bertrand, Memorial University and Margaret & Wallace McCain Foundation

Social and emotional learning: Systems change for students and educators
Mark Greenberg and Christa Turksma, Pennsylvania State University and CREATE

Promoting well-being among Indigenous youth through strengths-based culturally-relevant mentoring
Claire Crooks and Mike Cywink, Western University

Context and development in cognitive-behavioural treatment for anxiety in children and adolescents
Anne Marie Albano, Columbia University Medical Center

Contribution of e-health with families and youth to an ideal mental health system
Patrick McGrath, Dalhousie University

Research-policy partnerships in children's mental health: Lessons from British Columbia
Nicole Catherine, Christine Schwartz, Charlotte Waddell, Simon Fraser University

Taking evidence-based parenting interventions to scale: Learnings from large-scale implementation of the Triple P system
Matthew Sanders, University of Queensland

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Accommodations

We encourage all attending delegates to book their accommodation at The Banff Centre. Onsite accommodation supports the evening sessions and banquet, as well as enhances networking opportunities. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Banff Centre. An Accommodation/Meal Package has been arranged for March 18-21, 2018. The Package includes three night's accommodation (commencing Sunday, March 18), three Vistas buffet breakfasts, three Vistas buffet dinners and a plated Banquet dinner (Tuesday, March 20), service charges, wireless internet access in bedrooms, parking, and access to the Sally Borden Recreation Facility. Meal package commences Sunday, March 18 with Vistas buffet dinner and ending with Vistas buffet dinner on Wednesday, March 21*. (*You must be booked for the night of March 21 for the Vistas dinner on Wednesday evening to be included.) Tables will be identified in the Dining Room for all scheduled meals, for those conference delegates wishing to network with their peers.

One- and two-bedded accommodation (1 queen or 2 queens)/meal package rates are SINGLE: \$237.85 per person and DOUBLE \$160.35 per person. Prices are exclusive of 5% GST, 4% Alberta Tourism Levy Tax, 2% Tourism Improvement Fee and are quoted in Canadian Dollars (CAD). Single room rates apply to one conference delegate staying alone or sharing the room with a companion who is not a conference delegate. A \$100.00 CAD off-site fee will apply to all delegates whose accommodation is off-site and is payable at time of registration. The offsite fee is not applicable to the one-day registration.

Conference Registration

The registration fee is \$450 CAD before February 16, 2018, and \$525 CAD for registrations postmarked after this date. For full-time students, residents and interns, the registration fee is \$150 CAD before February 16, 2018, and \$185 CAD for registrations postmarked after this date. For those requesting the student rates, you will be asked to provide current student identification at the conference registration desk. The conference registration fee includes buffet lunch and coffee/tea service on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The conference registration does not include workshop fees (\$80 CAD/workshop). The one-day registration fee is \$275 CAD. Full registration fee is required if booking more than one day. All registrations must be prepaid. A \$100 CAD processing fee will be charged for all cancellations on or before February 16, 2018, and no refunds will be given after this date. GST (5%) is required on all registration and workshop fees. The Conference is organized by Banff Conferences on Behavioural Science, a not-for-profit organization.

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Call for Papers

A poster session will be held on Monday, March 19th as part of the evening reception. Submissions should be data-based and related to the conference theme. Abstracts (250 words) should be submitted to Ray Peters (ray.peters@queensu.ca) by February 16, 2018 for consideration.

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