

# ADVANCE NOTICE

## The 5th Health & Wellbeing in Children, Youth, and Adults with Developmental Disabilities Conference

### *Moving from Diagnosis to Practical Strategies*

Pre-Conference: Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Main Conference: Thursday, November 17 - Friday, November 18, 2016



## Description

The term Developmental Disabilities (DD) refers to individuals with Intellectual Disability, Autism Spectrum, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum and related genetic syndromes such as Down and Fragile X Syndrome. Children, youth and adults with DD are vulnerable to high rates of general health and mental health concerns. This interactive 2016 conference will focus on practical strategies to optimize their potential. Our goal is to help clinicians and caregivers learn effective ways to work with individuals with DD, and their families, to improve their quality of life experience.

The conference will also provide educational and informative updates on psychiatric, behavioural, mental health, and complex physical health specific to individuals with DD, and showcase best practices in the field. This conference will engage health care providers and educators from a wide range of professional disciplines in knowledge transfer and interprofessional collaboration. The format will include plenaries, breakout sessions and poster sessions.

## Objectives

- Provide updated information to clinicians and caregivers about best practices in physical and mental health for individuals with developmental disabilities
- Identify core issues and challenges facing individuals with DD, learning new ways to help maximize health and wellbeing in order to improve quality of life
- Share knowledge and common experiences with others working in the field

## Who Should Attend

- ABA Therapists
- Audiologists
- Behaviour Therapists
- Caregivers
- Case Managers/Planners
- CLBC Staff
- Counselors
- Direct Service Professionals
- Dentists
- Dental Hygienists
- Educators
- Families
- FASD Keyworkers
- First Nations Health Directors
- Health Authority Staff
- Interdisciplinary Teams
- Lawyers
- Mental Health Therapists
- MCFD Staff
- Nutritionists
- Nurses
- Occupational Therapists
- Pharmacists
- Physical Therapists
- Physicians
- Policy Makers
- Program Managers
- Psychologists
- Public Guardians & Trustees
- Researchers
- Self-Advocates
- Social Workers
- Speech & Language Therapists
- University & College Programs
- And anyone who is interested or works in the field of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities.

## 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: +1-604-688-7711. Let hotel reservations know that you are booking under the Health & Wellbeing Conference room block to receive the reduced rate of CDN \$159.00 (plus applicable taxes) for a standard guest room.

**PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES**  
**[interprofessional.ubc.ca/HealthandWellbeing2016](http://interprofessional.ubc.ca/HealthandWellbeing2016)**



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# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

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*Deadline for Abstract Submission – March 31, 2016*

## Call for Abstracts

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The Health & Wellbeing in Children, Youth and Adults with 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. Submissions from students are strongly encouraged.



## Submission

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Please use the online submission form at [interprofessional.ubc.ca](http://interprofessional.ubc.ca) to start the abstract submission process. Note that presentation title, names & affiliations should be provided as it should appear on the website and in the program. Please indicate if you would like to present this submission as an oral session as a few posters may be highlighted as 15 minute oral sessions with 5 minute Q & A.

## Themes

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H-Brain: Health: Brain

H-Body: Health: Body

HMH: Health: Mental Health

APA: Administrative, Policy, Practice, Advocacy incl. Respite, Cultural & Wellbeing

## Abstracts should include

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- Purpose: Present main research questions, hypothesis, reasons for undertaking the investigation
- Methods: Include descriptions of participants, procedures, instrumentation, data analysis, or the equivalent
- Results: Results presented in the poster can be preliminary, incomplete (in process of data collection), and can include anticipated or speculated results
- Implications: Clearly present the “take home messages” from your investigation as it relates to mental health and developmental disabilities in Canada. Keep in mind the conference objectives (see advance notice)
- References: Include approximately three-five references on which the current work has been based on
- 2-4 learning objectives

## POSTER AWARDS

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There will be two poster awards presented at the conference:

- Best Research-based Poster Award
- Best Information-based Poster Award

## Exhibits

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

## Please Note

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Presenters of accepted abstracts will not receive honoraria or reimbursement for any incurred expenses including accommodations and travel.

