

ADVANCE NOTICE

Fourth International Conference on Families with Parental Mental Health Challenges

Addressing the Needs of the Whole Family

April 25 - 27, 2014

Ed Roberts Campus, Berkeley, California, USA

Conferences Description

This conference will bring researchers, educators, policy-makers, and providers from across disciplines together with members of the judiciary and those with lived experience. The primary aim is to share knowledge and experience, to advance the rights and highlight the needs of families striving to live well with parental mental health challenges. Related objectives include provision of an interactive forum to discuss common experiences, effective and evidence informed support and advocacy strategies, and contemporary, cutting edge, research.

Conference Objectives

Participants will have opportunity to explore two general theme areas:

- The challenges of parenting for adults with psychiatric disability or mental health concerns
- The impact and challenges for children & young people living in families with parental psychiatric disability or mental health concerns, including those associated with being a young carer

Themes and topics will include:

- Evidence informed supports and services for young people, parents and families
- The legislative/legal barriers parents confront in maintaining custody of their children including interactions with the child welfare system and family law courts
- Strategies for building trust and reducing stigma while supporting parents and children
- Information on how psychiatric disabilities and mental health concerns are experienced by parents and both their young and adult children
- Family recovery strategies for supporting families of various constellations and in a various stages of family life
- The use of technology-based platforms to provide information, training, education and support to parents and families
- Advocacy strategies for supporting families living with parental mental health challenges

Conference Format

This 2.5 day conference will begin with an evening of networking. For the remainder of the conference, presentations and panels will be held both on specific theme and cross theme areas. We will be providing opportunities through the conference for people to gather formally and informally to discuss issues of common concern.

Exhibits

If you are interested in exhibiting at the conference, please email katia.ipce@ubc.ca.

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

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Themes

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Please visit our webpage for more information of the conference themes and possible presentation topics.

Types of Presentations

Lecture style

Each presentation will be 20 minutes in length followed by 10 minutes of discussion. Presentation will take place in 90 minute sessions. Each session will be comprised of three 30 minute presentations.

Workshops

There will be a limited number of 90 minute workshops. The workshops will focus on practice issues. Each workshop will allocate time for at least 20 minutes of discussion.

Interactive Poster Presentations

Posters will be presented in poster sessions grouped by subject. Each presenter will be a brief period of time to present the contents of their poster with each session. There will be an opportunity for session participants to discuss the issues raised by the poster presenters.

Submission Guidelines

Please submit on-line an abstract you would like to contribute for a concurrent session. Please allow a minimum of 25% of the presentation time for discussion and interaction between presenter(s) and their audience.

The abstract must be submitted by online electronic submission at interprofessional.ubc.ca

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

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