

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

The Organizing Committee is inviting interested people to submit abstracts for consideration in the two general theme areas of the conference:

- The challenges of parenting for adults with psychiatric disability or mental health concerns
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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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"Mental health issues, if not addressed early in life, threaten to bankrupt our health care system"
- Senator Michael Kirby & W.J. Keon (2006)

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The Fourth International Conference on Families with Parental Mental Health Challenges Planning Committee and **UBC Interprofessional Continuing Education** are hosting the conference at the Ed Roberts Campus in Berkeley, California on April 25 – April 27, 2014

This conference brings together scholars, policy makers, members of the judiciary, educators, providers and those with lived experience to review the "state of the art" for advancing the rights and highlighting the needs of families striving to overcome barriers associated with parental mental health challenges. Participants will benefit from being part of an expanded network and will return to their own communities equipped with evidence based ideas for improving the lives of parents, infants, children and adolescents including young carers through advocacy, practice and research.

The conference will explore:

- The impact of parental psychiatric disability on children
- The impact of parenting and family life on adults with psychiatric disability
- Evidence based solutions for parents, children and families
- Interactions with the child welfare system
- The legislative/legal barriers parents confront in maintaining custody of their children
- The development and application of services for parents and children including effective tools that support families
- Strategies for building trust and reducing stigma while supporting and educating parents and their children
- Information on how psychiatric disabilities are experienced by parents and both their young and adult children
- The recovery path - a deeply personal, unique process of changing one's attitudes, values, feelings, goals, skills and/or roles

The conference aims to gather 300 international participants at the Ed Roberts Campus - a national and international model dedicated to disability rights and universal access.

Sponsorship Opportunities:

UBC Interprofessional Continuing Education at the University of British Columbia is a not-for-profit organization and will require additional financial support to meet our conference objectives as well as to keep the registration fee low for all of our participants. We are inviting your organization to consider supporting this conference through sponsorship in the form of an unrestricted educational grant ranging from \$5,000 to \$15,000.

In return for your contribution, we will offer the following:

- A complimentary exhibit space
- Announcement of your organization's support on the first morning of the conference
- Your organization's name listed in the conference materials that all the delegates will receive at the conference
- Acknowledgment on the conference website with a logo and link to sponsor's website

The marketing plan for the Fourth International Conference on Families with Parental Mental Health Challenges involves dissemination of conference marketing materials through various channels, such as direct mailing, email campaigns, web marketing and distribution at various professional conferences.

We have created a conference webpage (www.interprofessional.ubc.ca/MentalHealth2014) where potential participants can find the most up-to-date information about the event. The information about the conference is widely available online on numerous professional websites that address the subject of mental health in childhood and youth.

The conference brochure is scheduled to be released late fall – early winter of 2014. It will be disseminated reaching over 10,000 individuals. The brochure will also be displayed at various conferences targeting health professionals and consumers who would benefit from attending the Fourth International Conference on Families with Parental Mental Health Challenges.

The logo of your organization will be placed in the electronic version of the conference brochure. We will also list your organization in the conference syllabus that will be provided to all the participants at the conference.

Additional Information:

Please contact UBC Interprofessional Continuing Education, if you are interested in sponsoring the conference. Cheques should be made out to the University of British Columbia with indication that the funds are donated as an unrestricted educational grant for the Fourth International Conference on Families with Parental Mental Health Challenges 2014.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Katia Selezeneva or conference co-chairs using the information provided below. We are ready to discuss the best way for your organization to collaborate with us on making the Fourth International Conference on Families with Parental Mental Health Challenges a success.

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