



Child and Family Poverty Workshop

How Service Providers Can Make a Difference

Wednesday November 15th, 2017

9:00 to 4:00

Registration and breakfast : 8:15

Richelieu-Vanier Community Centre, 300 Des Pères-Blancs Avenue, Ottawa

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Agenda

Child and Family Poverty – Moving from Stigma to Empowerment

This interactive session offers an opportunity to reflect on how poverty is defined and its impacts on families with young children. As needs of families are often complex and needed services are not always available or accessible, questions are raised to explore service provider practices that can help or hinder families living in poverty. Broader systemic and policy issues that influence families living in poverty will also be mentioned.

Presented by Marie Brisson, Bilingual Health Promotion Consultant, BSRC

Our Kids, Their Story – Ottawa Edition

The main focus of this workshop will be the Early Development Instrument (EDI), a tool used to measure developmental health at school entry across Canadian communities. Attendees will learn about the EDI and look at Ottawa EDI results over the past ten years. The workshop will also focus on other relevant outcomes related resources that can be used with the EDI to plan in a more evidence-informed way.

Presented by Annie Lafrenière, Data Analysis Coordinator

Vanier Social Pediatric Hub

Review of Needs Assessment of Vanier that led to the creation of the Hub and description of the Social Pediatric Hub's model and services.

Presented by Lionelle Morin-Tanguay NP-PHC, Rachelle Lanteigne – Social Worker, Dr Leigh Fraser-Roberts MD, FRCPC (Pediatrics)

Families First Program. Working with families and children in Ottawa. Sharing experiences, learnings and challenges

This session will talk of PQCHC programs about families leaving the City shelter system and moving into the community. Experiences of working with families and their children will be shared. Outcomes of the research from the University of Ottawa in regards to the program, with the focus experiences at the shelters will also be addressed.

Presented by Ofelia Levoir, Families First Coordinator, PQCHC

Community of Practice

Presentation of community programs and services available to help families with young children who live in poverty. Some agencies will have a display tables to showcase their programs and services.

Presented by Danielle Labelle and Jennifer Thériault, Centretown Community Health Centre

Biographies

Annie Lafrenière has been an Ottawa Data Analysis Coordinator (DAC) at the Parent Resource Centre since 2005. She is seen as a leader in knowledge mobilization and program evaluation. She works with the city of Ottawa, early year's community partners and organizations to assist with effective decision making based on best practices and evidence informed methods. Annie provides the latest data and leading edge research relating to children, families and their community. She also supports better program planning practices by teaching about the importance of evaluation. Annie has been part of the early development instrument (EDI) implementation for the past 4 cycles and has reported on and shared EDI results and profiles with the Ottawa early years community on many occasions. She has developed several workshops on evaluation and is an expert at guiding organisations through their first attempt at their own logic model. Annie is also a resource to several local Best Start planning tables as well as the Francophone and Aboriginal, Inuit and Métis Best Start planning tables.

Marie Brisson is a Bilingual Health Promotion Consultant of the Best Start Resource Centre. She graduated from the University of Ottawa in nursing; she then completed a second cycle diploma in Andragogy and a diploma in Health and Safety in the workplace. She worked in Public Health in numerous health programs and worked a few years in the private sector which makes her field of expertise very wide.

Ofelia Levoir has been working with the Families First Program at Pinecrest-Queensway Community Health Centre (PQCHC) since its conception in 2011 as the program coordinator. The program provides support to families using the multidisciplinary and holistic approach in order to ensure that families retain housing and integrate into their communities. Ofelia brings experience working in the housing sector with Origin Housing in London, England as well as in the settlement and immigration sector with OCISO.

The Centretown Community Health Centre (CCHC) is a non-profit, multi-service Centre that has been providing primary care and health promotion services in Ottawa since 1969. The programs are mostly available to a population of over 31 500 currently living in the Centretown, Glebe, and Old Ottawa South neighborhoods. Centretown is the most densely populated neighbourhood in our catchment, with 17.7% of the total population living on low incomes and 30% of children considered vulnerable in at least one domain of the Early Childhood Development (EDI) Risk Assessment Tool. Come join the CCHC Early Years program who will share highlights on how they support healthy child development, provide parenting support within their neighbourhoods and how they are responding to community needs with integrated services and partner collaboration in favor of increased access to services and barrier reduction.

The Vanier Social Pediatric Hub just opened on August 21st and is now offering services in English and French to vulnerable children and youth of Vanier. It is collaboration between the Vanier CSC, CHEO, Montfort, Centre Psychosocial and Sandy Hill CHC with a special contribution from Dr Sue Bennett and Dr Leigh Fraser-Roberts who initiated the project. The Hub is based on the model developed by Montreal pediatrician Dr Gilles Julien and is aiming to assist children and youth to achieve their full potential. It provides welcoming child & youth centered, comprehensive and integrated, interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral, holistic health care to the neighborhood's children and youth with support to their families and in accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Vanier Social Pediatric Hub is the first in Ontario to use this model and it offers services to children and youth with complex psychosocial and medical needs of the Vanier area.

The core team consists of a nurse practitioner, a social worker and a pediatrician. Multiple partners are offering services on site, including Crossroad, YSB, OrKidstra, Rideauwood, and Premier mots/First words. Various other services, such as legal assistance, are accessible to the families to support the provision of the most comprehensive care possible.
