



Three Conferences in One

# ADVANCE NOTICE

## Child and Youth Mental Health Matters

First National Family Mental Health Conference

First International Young Carers Congress

Third International World Congress on Children of Parents with Mental Illness

**May 6 - 8, 2012**

**The Coast Plaza Hotel and Suites**

**1763 Comox Street, Vancouver, BC, Canada**

### Description of the Concurrent Conferences

This conference brings together an interdisciplinary group of professionals working in the field of mental health with young people and parents and other stakeholders to share knowledge and experiences related to child and youth mental health. There are three themes woven through the conferences: Parental Mental Health, Children of Parents with Mental Illness and Young Carers.

This first ever gathering of this nature will provide a forum for focusing on the needs of young people and families as they struggle with issues related to mental health concerns across the generations. The overall goal of the concurrent conferences is help us develop a common language and understanding of the needs of young people and families. By bringing together people from diverse backgrounds we hope to enrich our collective knowledge of mental health strategies, best practices and the latest research in order to improve outcomes for young people and families. Our goal is to create at the conference a community of practice that spans the three themes where we can each share our knowledge and support while we discuss areas of mutual interest and concern.

### Conference Objectives

- To improve our understanding of mental health needs across the generations
- To examine how to engage professionals, young people and families in the development and implementation of prevention, early intervention and treatment strategies
- To examine what supports, activities and policies are needed to ensure that young people, families and professionals are supported in their struggles and challenges
- To provide a forum for networking and collaborating among mental health, health, criminal justice, education and child welfare practitioners, educators, researchers, policy makers, students, young people, families and other stakeholders with an interest in mental health issues across the generations
- To establish "Canadian communities of practice" for each theme area

### Conference Format

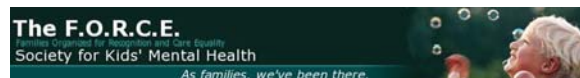
This three day conference will begin with an afternoon of network meetings concerning each of the three theme areas. For the remainder of the conference, presentations and panels will be held both on specific theme and cross theme areas. We will be providing opportunities through the conference for people to formally and informally gather to discuss issues of common concern. In addition we will have the following keynote presentations on each of the theme areas:

- **Family Mental Health**  
Dr. Ian Manion is the Executive Director of the Ontario Centre of Excellence for Child and Youth Mental Health and Clinical Professor in the School of Psychology at the University of Ottawa
- **Children of Parents with Mental Illness**  
Dr. Stephen Hinshaw is Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychology at the University of California (Berkeley)
- **Young Carers**  
Professor Saul Becker is Head of the School of Sociology and Social Policy and Professor of Social Policy and Social Care at The University of Nottingham

### Exhibits

If you are interested in exhibiting at the conference, please email [ipdocs@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:ipdocs@interchange.ubc.ca).

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### Themes

The Organizing Committee of "Child and Mental Health Matters" is inviting interested people to submit abstracts for consideration in the three theme areas of the conference:

- Family Mental Health
- Children of Parents with Mental Illness
- Young Carers

Submissions that cross the themes are also welcome. The abstracts will be peer reviewed.

### Types of Presentations

#### *Presentations*

Each presentation will be 20 minutes in length followed by 10 minutes of discussion. Presentations 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*

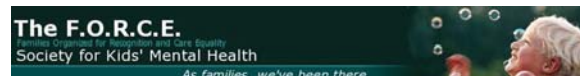
Posters will be presented in poster sessions grouped by subject. Each presenter will be assigned a brief period of time to present the contents of their poster. There will be an opportunity for session participants to discuss the issues raised by the poster presenters.

### Submission Guidelines

Abstracts should be submitted online at [www.interprofessional.ubc.ca](http://www.interprofessional.ubc.ca) with the following information included: Title, Author(s), Presenter(s), Presentation Level (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced), Full Address, Phone/Fax Numbers, Email Address, Organization/Affiliation, and Presentation Summary (300 word maximum). If you are submitting a presentation or workshop, please include 3 learning objectives and a brief 50 word description for the program brochure. Submission of an abstract implies the submitter's agreement to register for the conference, pay the appropriate conference registration fee, and make the presentation as scheduled.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: SEPTEMBER 26, 2011**

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