



## CALL FOR SHOWCASE PRESENTATIONS

*2018 Forum: Let's Act Together!*

*Developing a whole society approach to promoting child and youth mental health*

August 20-22, 2018

University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, PEI

### AUGUST 20 – ATLANTIC COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

Innovative programs that demonstrate collaborative practices, policies, and research – and hope to expand their impact – are of great interest to those who promote child and youth mental health. Leaders of these promising and emerging practices will showcase their projects to all delegates at the Opening Ceremony on August 20th with a 2 minute sales pitch on stage, and then invite Forum participants to view a table top or poster presentation to share information and problem solve any challenges. Presentation materials will be prominently displayed during the reception after the Opening Ceremony, and for the duration of the Forum (August 20-22).

### CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

- Have you worked in a program or project for children or youth that was inspired by a great idea?
- Have you developed an innovative policy to influence the mental health and emotional safety of your community?
- Have you seen positive results that you would like to share with others?

Then we would like to invite you/your organization to share your experience in a poster or table top presentation during the Atlantic Community Showcase on August 20 and during the 2018 Atlantic Summer Institute in Healthy and Safe Communities.

### PROCESS OF SELECTION

We ask that you send us a short description of your project using the online template that is provided with this call. **The deadline for receiving a description of your presentation (abstract) is Monday, May 21, 2018 at 5:00 PM** Atlantic time.

A panel of reviewers will review the abstracts submitted and select projects that:

- relate to the theme of child and youth mental health;

- are innovative and demonstrate promising collaborative practices, policies, research, and;
- engage more than one generation
- are trying to move the project to the next step of stakeholder engagement

We are looking for presentation proposals in **French** and/or **English** from:

- community groups
- practitioners
- researchers
- educators
- policy makers
- students
- parents/caregivers

If you have a project that meets these criteria, we want to hear from you! In total we anticipate that 10 presentations will be displayed either on table tops or as poster boards; a great opportunity to share information about the work of promoting mental health amongst children and youth throughout Atlantic Canada. We will give priority to proposals from Atlantic Canada, but we also encourage others to submit abstracts.

## **PARTICIPATION IN THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY SHOWCASE**

As a presenter at the Atlantic Community Showcase, you will benefit from the networking opportunities and chance to profile your work to Forum attendees who are engaged in child and youth mental health programs. The ASI will attract researchers, policy makers, advocates working in multiple sectors (such as education, health, justice, child and family, or community services, non-profit and private sectors), parents, caregivers, youth and members of the general public who are promoters of positive mental health.

The Atlantic Community Showcase will be held during the Opening Ceremonies on the evening of August 20, 2018 using a Carousel Format - an engaging, interactive means of presenting your work. Using this format, each presenter will take 2 minutes to promote her/his presentation to participants. We suggest you focus on communicating two main reasons why audience members should attend your presentation and a challenge you would like some help with. *Be creative in explaining your work quickly and concisely, and promoting the uniqueness and strength of your particular presentation.*

Participants will visit your presentation during the reception after the Opening Ceremonies and move to another table top or poster board when they have had an opportunity to learn about your program. You could be giving your presentation to groups of participants 2-3 times during the showcase portion of the program.

Presentations will remain available for viewing and discussion during the Forum. Wireless access is available for table top presentations. Additional information (specifications, format of presentations, setting up and dismantling times) will be provided to selected presenters.

## **WRITING YOUR ABSTRACT**

Presentation summaries (abstracts) must be submitted online at <http://www.thequai.ch.pe.ca/UltimateSurvey/takeSurvey.asp?surveyID=440>

You will be asked to complete a template that will include:

- a description of your presentation

- the connection / relationship between your presentation and the theme ***Let's Act Together! Developing a whole society approach to promoting child and youth mental health***
- what others will learn from your presentation
- a challenge you would like some help with
- a short biography
- contact information

*Helpful hint: Try writing your presentation description in a Word or WordPerfect document, then cut and paste it into the template (some answers have a limit on the number of words).*

## **COMMUNICATION ABOUT THE REVIEW PROCESS**

We will send you an automated acknowledgement when we receive the description/abstract of your presentation. We will notify you if your application is successful or not. Abstracts will be reviewed by a panel and decisions will be communicated by June 5.

## **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS**

We are accepting abstracts until **Monday, May 21, 2018 at 5:00 pm** Atlantic Time. We will not accept late submissions.

## **FORUM REGISTRATION**

Agreeing to accept an offer to present confirms that you agree to register for the Forum and make this presentation as scheduled. The Forum will be a learning experience for all attendees, including presenters. We request that all presenters commit to attending the full Forum, from August 20-22.

You will need to cover the costs of registration, accommodations and travel. Most meals during the ASI are included as part of the registration. It is also possible for a presenter to apply for a subsidy for travel, accommodation, and meals that are not covered by the registration. A limited number of subsidies are available to participants and presenters from Atlantic Canada attending the full program. For additional information on subsidies, please consult the ASI website. Presenters may apply for a subsidy at [www.asi-iea.ca/en/subsidies-2018](http://www.asi-iea.ca/en/subsidies-2018).

## **QUESTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For questions regarding the call for presentations, e-mail us at [info@asi-iea.ca](mailto:info@asi-iea.ca) or call 902.894.3399.