



CALL FOR ATLANTIC COMMUNITY SHOWCASE PRESENTATIONS



University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, PEI

AUGUST 19 – ATLANTIC COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

This year the Atlantic Community Showcase will provide an opportunity to celebrate initiatives that are advancing the ASI Call to Action on leadership to promote child and youth mental health (see updated Call to Action at www.asi-iea.ca). Work that is clearly linked to a specific area of the Call to Action - policy, practice, programs, networks, research and knowledge exchange – will be considered.

Selected presenters will showcase their work to all Forum participants at the Opening Ceremony on August 19th by providing:

- a 2 minute sales pitch on stage, and
- an invitation to view a table top or poster presentation during the reception after the Opening Ceremony

Presentation materials will be prominently displayed for the duration of the Forum (August 19-21) with opportunities for ongoing dialogue with Forum participants.

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

- Have you worked in a program or project for children or youth that promote mental health and was inspired by a great idea?
- Have you developed an innovative policy to influence social, cultural or physical environments in your community?
- Do you have an initiative that is advancing the ASI Call to Action?
- 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 19 and during the 2019 Atlantic Summer Institute in Healthy and Safe Communities.

PROCESS OF SELECTION

We ask that you send us a short description of your work using the online template that is provided with this call. **The deadline for receiving a description of your presentation (abstract) is Friday, May 17, 2019 at 5:00 PM** Atlantic time.

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

- relate to the theme of supportive environments for child and youth mental health;
- are innovative and demonstrate promising collaborative practices, policies, research;
- engage more than one generation or sector;
- are advancing the ASI Call to Action

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

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

If you are engaged in work 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 supportive environments for 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 from many sectors who are taking action or conducting research on fostering supportive environments for child and youth mental health. ASI 2019 will attract researchers, policy makers, advocates working in multiple sectors (such as education, environment, municipalities, 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 across the life course.

The Atlantic Community Showcase will be held during the Opening Ceremonies on the evening of August 19, 2019 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.thequaich.pe.ca/UlimateSurvey/takeSurvey.asp?surveyID=458>

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 ***Supportive Environments for Child and Youth Mental Health – Our Shared Responsibility!***
- 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 **Friday, May 17, 2019 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 19-21.

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-2019.

QUESTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For questions regarding the call for presentations, e-mail us at info@asi-iea.ca or call 902.894.3399.