



MEDIA ADVISORY

Symposium on Child and Youth Mental Health

Interviews in French available

More than 200 people will gather in Charlottetown from August 17-19 to take action on the mental health of Atlantic Canadian kids and teens. Teachers, parents, youth, health care workers, community groups, researchers and government representatives from across the region will collaborate to mobilize decision makers during a *Symposium on Child and Youth Mental Health*. Prominent international, national and regional experts will share their strategies for supporting children and youth.

The Monday evening launch of the Symposium will feature Atlantic dignitaries and keynote Dr. Ian Manion, speaking about hot topics and partnering for system change. On Tuesday morning, keynote speaker Dr. Mark Greenberg will address the benefits of social emotional learning in schools. Tuesday afternoon will feature an Atlantic Community Showcase with 16 presentations and exhibits from organizations involved in innovative collaborative practices, policies, and research related to child and youth mental health.

What: Opening Ceremony of the Symposium on Child and Youth Mental Health and Keynote Presentation

Who: Dr. Rhonda Matters, PEI Chief Mental Health Officer
Clifford Lee, Mayor of the City of Charlottetown
Pamela Magee, Executive Director Canadian Mental Health Association, NS
Cathy Peyton, Project Manager, ACCESS-Mental Health
Malcolm Shookner, President, Atlantic Summer Institute on Healthy and Safe Communities
Dr. Ian Manion, Psychologist;
Inaugural Chair of the National Infant, Child and Youth Mental Health Consortium

When: Monday, August 17, 6:30pm

Where: MacKinnon Lecture Theatre, Holland College Prince of Wales Campus

Please see the attached sheet for a list of other public figures speaking at the Symposium.

For more information or to schedule an interview, contact:

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