



## **The Power of Relationships: Families, Professionals & Policy Makers**

**October 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010**

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

We are pleased to invite you to submit abstracts for workshops or posters to be presented at the 30th annual conference of the Ontario Association of Infant and Child Development (OAICD.) Our theme this year is **The Power of Relationships: Families, Professionals and Policymakers**. OAICD is a collective voice of the province in providing “Best Practices” and developing for implementation “Standards” of practice in the field. OAICD comprises a voluntary board of directors who have collectively worked on its mission of education and advocacy making the association “the leading voice” for early intervention.

The goal of the upcoming conference is to bring together the theory, research and implications for clinical practice in early intervention. It will provide great opportunity for sharing among the inter and multidisciplinary teams that work with infants, young children, fellow professionals in allied disciplines, families, communities and policy makers. This conference is specifically designed for multidisciplinary practitioners concerned with the care of infants and young children and their families, working in settings such as infant and child development and early intervention, early learning and care, public health, child welfare, children’s mental health, hospitals, pre & post natal programs, family resource centres, and community health.

Presentations and professionals will cover a broad range of relevant topic areas related to family centred practice, collaboration and partnerships, ecology and intervention, culturally responsive practices, maternal mental health, parent child relationships in the early years and much more. Speakers will include:

- **Dr. Clyde Hertzman**, Director of the Human learning Partnership (HELP), the College for Interdisciplinary Studies at University of British Columbia
- **Dr. Wendy Roberts**, Developmental Paediatrician, Director of Autism Research, The Hospital for Sick Children
- **Dr. Deborah Weatherston**, Executive Director of Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health
- **Dr. Peter Lévesque**, Knowledge exchange specialist of the Knowledge Exchange Centre of the Provincial Centre of Excellence for Child and Youth Mental Health at the Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario.
- **Dr. Jean Clinton**, Child psychiatrist, Associate Professor McMaster University and Associate member of the Offord Centre for Child Studies.

There will be a full day preconference on October 20<sup>th</sup>, presented by **Dr. Julie Ribaldo**, Clinical Assistant Professor at the School of Social Work, University of Michigan. Dr. Ribaldo will focus her workshop on relationship based practice to strengthen parent-infant relations. Professionals will not only obtain current knowledge of the topic but will go back with strategies to apply in their service delivery.

**We invite submissions for:**

**90 Minute Presentations** of papers (research, evaluation) or Workshops (emerging practices and programs) and/or a **Poster** on topics relating to the conference theme.

Presentations and workshops should include a varied format, adequate time for audience participation (at least 15 minutes), as well as handout materials of no more than 10 pages. Please see the Call for Papers Checklist and Instructions for further details.

**Deadline for submissions is April 23, 2010, at 5:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.**

- Submission forms in **Word format** can be requested by emailing [shamelin@children-first.ca](mailto:shamelin@children-first.ca)
- Only electronic submissions on the forms provided will be accepted.
- Completed forms should be sent by email (preferred) to [shamelin@children-first.ca](mailto:shamelin@children-first.ca) or by post to: Sharri Hamelin, Conference Coordinator, Children First, 3295 Quality Way, Suite 102, Windsor, ON, N8T 3R9
- Notifications of acceptance will be sent by June 30, 2010.

Note: Honoraria, accommodation, travel or other expenses are not covered for workshop or poster presenters.

Workshop or poster presenters who wish to register for the conference will receive a discount on their registration fees.

**For more information contact:**

**Sharri Hamelin, Conference Coordinator**

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## CALL FOR PAPERS – CHECKLIST & INSTRUCTIONS

### Submission Checklist

1. Completed “OAICD Call for Papers 2010 – Submission Form”
2. Completed “OAICD Call for Papers 2010 – Presenter Contact” form for each presenter.

### General Instructions

1. Submissions for all presentations must be received by OAICD no later than **April 23, 2010, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time**. If sending submission by post, submission must be postmarked no later than April 20, 2010.
2. Each submission must be received in electronic form (by email or on disc, by post)
3. Presentation types include papers, posters and workshops.
4. Each submission must include the completed “Call for Papers” submission form, and presenter forms, and a description of the intended audience.
5. ALL presenters, discussants, etc. must complete the presenter form.
6. ALL presenters and co-presenters must register for the conference and pay the appropriate registration fee.
7. OAICD will meet all reasonable requests for audio-visual equipment as requested on the submission. Presenters will be asked to provide their own laptop computers for use with provided LCD projectors.
8. All submissions will be reviewed by the OAICD Conference Committee. OAICD reserves the right to edit workshop summaries for inclusion in the conference brochure.
9. OAICD reserves the right to recommend a change in the submission type (e.g., submission for a workshop may be recommended as a poster.)
11. You will be notified of the program committee’s decision regarding your submission by **June 30, 2010**.
12. Session notes and handouts to be supplied to registrants will be the responsibility of the Presenter.

## **Presentations/ Papers**

1. Research submissions must include background information, clear statement of the rationale and purpose of the study, description of the methodology, a summary of results and a brief discussion.
2. Presentations of research should include an evaluation component.
3. Paper presentations can also focus on reviews, program descriptions, new theoretical constructs or novel treatment approaches.

## **Workshop Submissions**

Workshops are 1.5 hour forums which are intended to be highly interactive and provide participants with opportunities to practice and learn skills and materials in interaction with the presenter. Numbers of participants will be limited as determined by the workshop presenters in collaboration with OAICD Organizing Committee.

## **Poster Submissions**

1. Poster presentations should be organized to fit on the table space provided (6' x 2.5'). **Poster boards must be supplied by the presenter.**
2. Research submissions must include background information, clear statement of the rationale and purpose of the study, description of the methodology, a summary of results and a brief discussion.
3. Poster and paper presentations can also focus on reviews, program descriptions, new theoretical constructs or novel treatment approaches.

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## CALL FOR PAPERS – SUBMISSION FORM

**DEADLINE April 23, 2010**

**SUBMISSION FOR (Check only 1)** .  Poster  60 – 90 min. Presentation/Paper  
 60 – 90 min. Interactive Workshop

**TITLE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The following areas of focus should tie in with the conference theme: The Power of Relationships: Families, Professionals & Policy Makers.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent-infant Relationships                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Innovative Prevention and Early Intervention          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interagency/ Interdisciplinary Collaboration | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Protection/ Legal Issues                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Learning & Care                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Research/ Program Evaluation                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Innovative Parenting Programs                | <input type="checkbox"/> Reflective Practice & Supervision                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Centred Practice                      | <input type="checkbox"/> First Nations/Meiti's Perspectives                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Culturally Responsive Practice               | <input type="checkbox"/> Adolescent Parenting                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Promoting Development                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maternal Mental Health/ Trauma               | <input type="checkbox"/> Infant Trauma & Maltreatment                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Father Involvement                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Disability/ Disorders/ Illness                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diversity and Early Intervention             | <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence & Involvement In Early Intervention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> From Clinician to consultant                 | Other (specify) _____  |

**TARGET AUDIENCE (Check all that apply)**  Practitioners  Supervisors/Management  
 Educators  Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**LEVEL (Check only 1)**  Introductory  Intermediate  Advanced

**APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS**  0-25  26-50  50+

**AUDIOVISUAL REQUIREMENTS (Check all that apply)**

- LCD projector  Overhead projector  Slide projector  Flip chart  
 DVD player  Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\*NOTE\* Presenters will be required to provide their own laptops.

**ONLY ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

**ABSTRACT SUMMARIZING SESSION CONTENT** (*no more than 250-300 words*)**PRESENTER(S)** Name(s), title(s), organization affiliation(s)**EACH participating presenters must complete the attached “Presenter Contact” form.**Brief biographical information (*no more than 60 words per presenter*)**PLEASE SUBMIT BY E-MAIL (PREFERRED) OR POST TO:**[shamelin@children-first.ca](mailto:shamelin@children-first.ca)

OR

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