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Conferences & Trainings

CRCF member to host a policy session at the 13th Annual Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Conference November 16 & 17, 2016 in Vancouver, BC

Melanie Doucet, CRCF member and 2014 Trudeau Foundation scholar, will be co-hosting a session at the upcoming Trudeau Foundation Conference along with community partners from the Vancouver Foundation's Fostering Change Initiative. The policy session, titled: *Youth Aging Out of Care: Shaping Policy with Young People Transitioning Out of Child Welfare*, will explore the strengths and challenges associated with making policy with, and not only for, some of the most vulnerable populations in Canada: youth exiting care. For more information on the conference, visit: <http://www.fondationtrudeau.com/en/colloque2016>

ResilienceCon 2017 – Call for submissions; Deadline January 7, 2017

Conference: April 17-19, 2017 in Nashville, TN

ResilienceCon is a new approach to conferences that offers a variety of traditional and innovative formats. ResilienceCon offers opportunities to interact with colleagues who are interested in strengths-based approaches to understanding, preventing, and responding to violence and other adversities. Some travel support is being offered (registration and 2 nights' lodging) in the form of awards to 5 students or fellows. Click [here](#) for more information.

Children in a World of Opportunities: Innovations in Research, Policy and Practice

June 28-30, 2017 in Montreal, QC

The Planning Committee of the International Society for Child Indicators (ISCI) announces its 6th Conference "Children in a World of Opportunities: Innovations in Research, Policy and Practice" which will convene in Montreal, Canada on June 28-30, 2017.

This conference will bring together researchers, practitioners, policy makers, and child advocates from around the world to share and discuss innovations in research methods and the latest research findings on child indicators as well as implications for policy and practice. Almost 300 proposals were received during the call for abstracts (which is now completed), including more than 30 panels from more than 65 countries!

The conference will include oral paper presentations, organized symposia and poster presentations. If you develop and use indicators to measure the status of child wellbeing at the local, national, regional, or international levels, we encourage you to join us!

You can find out more about the conference and contact the Planning Committee at www.isci2017.org. Updated information on the program, travel and registration will be posted regularly.

Events

Research Seminar - The Intersection of Child Maltreatment & Behaviour Problems: Implications for Child Welfare Service Providers

November 9, 2016 12:00 – 13:00

Wendy Patrick room (room 118), 3506 rue University, Montreal, QC

Evidence suggests that child maltreatment is associated with externalizing, antisocial, and criminal behaviour, although the mechanisms explaining this association remain poorly understood. In this seminar, three related studies will be presented that together aimed to (1) deepen current understanding of the relationship between maltreatment and behaviour problems, and to (2) understand the potential intervening role of child welfare services in influencing this relationship. With few Canadian studies in this area, this research provides a unique picture of the Canadian context and a foundation from which future research can expand. Click [here](#) for more information.

Regression Refresher Workshop

November 10 & November 11; 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

This workshop is designed for social work students who do not specialize in statistics but who need significant familiarity with the most commonly applied statistical techniques. The workshop will provide students with an introduction to several key multivariate statistical techniques. Conceptual material will be presented along with opportunities for practical hands-on analysis. Click [here](#) for more information.

CARE Jeunesse Self-Care Fair Fundraiser

November 13; 11:00 am – 3:00 pm



CARE Jeunesse is currently planning its first annual fundraiser in partnership with the Batshaw Alumni Association and Concordia University, which will focus on beauty, health and wellness and will be taking place on Sunday November 13th, from 11am to 3pm at 7141 Sherbrooke Ouest (Concordia Loyola Campus Chapel). If you are on Facebook, you can RSVP to the event at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/334663096887606/> and tickets can either be purchased at the door or via Eventbrite at the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/foire-du-bien-etre-self-care-fair-tickets-28839378357>.

Introduction to Mediation and Moderation Analysis

November 17 & November 18; 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

This two-day workshop will focus on two closely related and often confused topics in statistical analysis Moderation and Mediation. Moderation occurs when the strength of the relationship between X and Y is dependent on the level of a moderator, whereas mediation occurs when the relationship between X and Y is being explained or influenced through a mediator. In this workshop, you will learn about the basic concepts of moderation and mediation, and the use of a computational tool - "PROCESS" in SPSS to analyze simple moderation and mediation models. Click [here](#) for more information.

Note: Registration is full for this workshop. If you are registered but can no longer attend or would like to be on the waiting list, please e-mail [biru.zhou\[at\]mcgill.ca](mailto:biru.zhou[at]mcgill.ca).

Child Welfare Journal Club

November 28, 2016 12:00-13:30

Center for Research on Children and Families, suite 106, 3506 rue University, Montreal, QC

The [Child Welfare Journal Club](#) is a joint McGill / University of Toronto initiative supported by funds from the Royal Bank of Canada. It is a monthly journal club for faculty and graduate students interested in child welfare research. We review empirical studies published in the leading child welfare journals and select the most salient and rigorous studies to be summarized and distributed in monthly e-newsletters disseminated through the [Canadian Child Welfare Research Portal \(CWRP\)](#).

For any PhD student at McGill potentially interested in joining the Research Watch team or to receive more information, please contact [Jaime Wegner-Lohin](#).

Job/Scholarship Opportunities

Research Assistant (Contract): Canadian Child Welfare Research Portal

Deadline: November 25, 2016

The Canadian Child Welfare Research Portal (cwrp.ca) is a website that provides access to up to date research on Canadian child welfare programs and policies. The Portal is a partnership supported by the McGill Centre for Research on Children and Families (CRCF), the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work at the University of Toronto, PART (Practice and Research Together) and PolicyWise for Children and Families. We are looking for someone to assist in summarizing recently published child welfare studies, which are featured in the Canadian Research in Brief (CRIB) section of the Canadian Child Welfare Research Portal. This is a contract position, for a total of 70 hours. Click [here](#) for more information.

2017 IRCM Scholarship competition for young researchers

Deadline: January 13, 2017

The Institut de recherches cliniques de Montréal (IRCM), would like to open its competition of summer internship for undergraduate students. The Neuroethics Research Unit being part of this project, wishes to offer the possibility to students to integrate its research activities during the summer of 2017. The intent of the program is principally, but not solely, to support promising applicants for future funded positions as a Université de Montréal or McGill University master's student supervised at the Neuroethics Research Unit, IRCM. Click [here](#) for more information.

News & Notices

CRCF GIVES BACK!

We would like to continue the CRCF tradition of giving back to the community. This year, we are collecting donations to purchase gifts for the members of the Montreal Youth in Care Alumni Student Association (MYCASA) and students at Verdun Elementary School. The CRCF will match the total amount collected with it's own donation!

In order to purchase and distribute the gifts on time, please make your donation by Thursday, **December 1st** (there is a collection envelope in the CRCF admin office). We will hold a gift wrapping party during Jeudi Gras on **December 8th** for those who would like to help wrap the presents.

Holiday Party



CARE Jeunesse recruitment

One of our members, Melanie Doucet, sits on the Board of Directors of CARE Jeunesse. CARE Jeunesse is a newly established provincial non-profit organization founded by former youth in care that provides support to youth in care and alumni from care in Quebec. The organization is currently in the early stages of getting established as a provincial youth in care network, and have just started recruiting members via an online form: English

(<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WZ7XCFW>) and French

(<https://fr.surveymonkey.com/r/WFTNY2R>). Current and former youth in care can apply, as well as adult supporters, so feel free to sign up as members if this is a cause that interests you! It would also be appreciated if you could forward this information to anyone in your networks that may be interested or knows of someone that would be interested in becoming a member.



You can follow CARE Jeunesse on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/carejeunesse/> and Twitter: https://twitter.com/care_jeunesse

Montreal Youth in Care Alumni Association (MYCASA) recruitment



The Montreal Youth in Care Alumni Association (MYCASA), co-founded by one of our members, Melanie Doucet, is currently recruiting new members!

Did you grow up in foster care? Are you attending CÉGEP, college or university?

The Montreal Youth in Care Alumni Student Association (MYCASA) is here for you!

MYCASA was created by youth in care alumni, for youth in care alumni who are attending post-secondary in Montreal. This peer-led association provides a safe and non-judgmental community that encourages youth in care alumni to network, support and advocate for each other throughout our post-secondary journeys, and make our voices heard.

Interested? We want to hear from you! Please contact us at mycasa.aeajpm@gmail.com for more information.

Find us on Facebook: [Montreal Youth in Care Alumni Association \(MYCASA\)](#)

MYCASA also organized a youth in care alumni discussion panel at the School of Social Work titled: Moving past the textbook to support youth leaving care in post-secondary institutions, which took place on Friday October 28th. MYCASA members and panelists Ashley Dawn Louise Bach, Melanie Doucet, Destiny Gregoire, Marcelle Partouche and Yuan Stevens shared their powerful personal stories and presented the realities and challenges associated with aging out of care while attending a post-secondary education institution. The panel also presented some of the barriers that are in place that prevent many youth in care alumni from graduating, presented some strengths and resilience factors that come into play, and made recommendations for policy and practice for social workers, educators, professors and PSE administration. As a follow-up to this event, MYCASA plans to work on publishing an article on this topic in the near future, so stay tuned!



Publications

Out-of-home placement and regional variations in poverty and health and social services spending: A multilevel analysis

Esposito, T., Chabot, M., Rothwell, D., Trocmé, N., and Delaye, A.

This paper examines the extent to which regional variations in poverty and health and social services spending impact the risk of placement, after controlling for individual-level risk factors and regional latent differences in delivery of child protection services. Clinical administrative child protection data were merged with income and health and social services spending data for the province of Quebec; the final data set included all children ($N = 122,466$) investigated for maltreatment for the first time between April 1, 2002 and March 31, 2010, of which 22.6% ($N = 27,710$) were placed in out-of-home care. Multilevel hazard results indicate that poverty, controlling for health and social services spending, contributes to the increased risk of placement. Specifically, poverty and health and social services spending account for 57.1% of the variation in regional placement for younger children < 5 years of age and 38.1% for children age 5 to 11 years. Click [here](#) for more information.

ON THE RADAR Volume 2, Issue 7 - Preschool-aged child sexual abuse victims: An overview of knowledge to inform research, services, and social policy in Canada

On The Radar is a dissemination initiative from the Centre for Research on Children and Families that promotes its members' research work. Click [here](#) to see the latest issue.

