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## Calls

**Conference - Language and Health – Ethical and Policy Issues (with special focus on consent)**

**Submission deadline: April 9**

For more information, click [here](#).

**Conference - Global Need for Formal Child Care**

**Submission deadline: May 1**

The need for formal child care is becoming a pressing global challenge. Dramatic economic changes have seen unprecedented rates of women participating in paid market work across the world. However, this fundamental transition in how women organize their lives has not been met by an equally dramatic transition in how children are cared for. Consequently, women across the globe are faced with tough choices regarding the trade-offs between work, personally caring for their children and using often substandard alternative child care arrangements. With much effort focused on improving work opportunities for women, policy efforts regarding child care have lagged.

This mini-conference will bring together stakeholders and scholars to focus on the tensions between women's work and child care, particularly as they relate to formal child care and women's outcomes. The event will highlight policy implications of research findings and will be relevant for academics as well as policy-makers and practitioners at local and international levels. We invite research from all disciplinary and methodological perspectives including empirical and theoretical contributions. Research from all geographic areas will be considered, although we are especially interested in work in resource poor settings. Thematic sessions will be determined based on submissions.

To be considered for a presentation at the mini-conference, please submit an abstract of no more than 500 words. In addition to conveying the contribution to knowledge, policy relevance, findings and/or implications, your abstract should note the specific setting in question. Please submit your abstract through the EasyChair conference system [here](#). (N.B. you will need to create an EasyChair account)

For more information about the conference, email [Heidi Hoernig](#).

For questions about the abstract submission, email Professor [Sarah Brauner-Otto](#).

### **Conference details**

Date: Friday, August 11

Location: McGill University, Montreal, Québec

Funding: Limited funds are available to contribute to the travel expenses for scholars from low and lower middle income countries presenting papers at this conference.

The conference is organized as part of the GrOW project [Improving childcare options to create better economic opportunities for women in Nairobi slums](#).

For more information, click [here](#).

## **Conferences & Trainings**

**The Enhanced Assess, Acknowledge, Act (EAAA) Sexual Assault**

**Resistance Program for Women Students: Foundation, evidence, and implementation**

**April 7 in Montreal (Free)**

For more information, click [here](#).

**Perspectives internationales sur la violence post-séparation**

**11 et 12 avril à l'Université d'Ottawa**

For more information, click [here](#).

**Premier symposium annuel ARC**

**1er mai à l'Université McGill (gratuite)**

For more information, click [here](#).



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

**June 28-30, 2017 in Montreal, QC**

Registration is now [open](#) for the 6<sup>th</sup> *Conference of the International Society for Child Indicators (ISCI)*! Delegates who register by **April 15<sup>th</sup> 11:59pm EDT** will benefit from early bird registration rates. Discounted rates are offered to ISCI members.



To learn more about membership benefits and to become a member, please go to <http://isciharuv.org/>.

To register and obtain updated information on the conference program, please visit the conference website at [www.isci2017.org](http://www.isci2017.org).

## 5<sup>th</sup> Community Social Pediatrics Symposium: Children’s Vulnerability – Understanding and Addressing Health Inequities

May 25 & 26

The Community Social Pediatrics Symposium is a [Fondation du Dr Julien](#) initiative that is part of a collective effort to build on what we have learned from practice. It is a biannual event bringing together practitioners, scientists, academics, researchers and political decision-makers who wish to influence the ways in which we can help children at risk.

This year, the Symposium will focus on the many faces of vulnerability and will encourage discussions on various action plans. Indeed, society, the law and legislation, communities and families represent as many different realities as there are solutions. What does society think about vulnerable children? How do human rights and public policy help to reduce inequality in healthcare? Where are vulnerable communities located and how can we take into account their unique characteristics for optimal intervention? What frameworks and processes can we establish to ensure the long-term viability of our approach? What are the interventions that are adapted to at-risk communities and how can we measure their impact? Here are just some of the questions that will be raised during the 5<sup>th</sup> Symposium.

CRCF members [Franco Carnevale](#), [Delphine Collin-Vézina](#), [Tonino Esposito](#) and [Catherine Roy](#) will be presenting. Click [here](#) for more information.

### Events

#### Qualitative Data Analysis Group (QDAG)

April 4 10:00-16:00

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

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

The QDAG is a space for social work doctoral students to work independently with others to be able to ask questions as they emerge during data analysis. The QDAG is not a discussion group. It is a work-focused group to

move students forward through the data analysis phase of the dissertation with the support of others. For more information and for the additional upcoming April meeting times, please contact [Gina Glidden](#) or [Jennifer Nutton](#).



#### Research Seminar - Service Receipt for Individuals with Autism across Canada: Findings from a Canadian National Survey by Jonathan Lai

April 12 12:00 – 13:00

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

Caregivers face various challenges navigating the service sectors for their children with autism across the lifespan, leading to a high level of burden and distress in families. For example, the early developmental period is a sensitive window for clinical outcomes; however, it is not known how access to early intervention relates to receiving other services later as the child ages. Further, there is pressing need to understand the dynamics of service utilization through

the emerging adulthood period for these children after leaving secondary school. In this presentation, various sociodemographic, clinical and systemic factors will be explored as mediators of service access in children and emerging adults using data from a pan-Canadian survey completed by 3251 caregivers reporting on 3317 family members with autism. Results and discussion of relevant factors including intellectual disability status and contextual factors (such as being in school or work) on how services are accessed will take place. For more information on CRCF's research seminars, please click [here](#).

### **Child Welfare Journal Club**

**April 24 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](#).

### **Indigenous Child Welfare Research Group**

**April 6 12:00 – 14:00**

**May 4 12:00 – 14:00**

**CRCF conference room (suite 106), 3506 rue University, Montreal, QC**

A monthly discussion group of graduate students, faculty and researchers as well as professionals from university affiliated organizations. Aimed at building empirical knowledge on topics related to Indigenous child welfare and to facilitate knowledge translation of Indigenous child welfare research. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **Huddle for Action and Social Justice**

**April 6 14:00 – 15:00**

**May 4 14:00 – 15:00**

**CRCF conference room (suite 106), 3506 rue University, Montreal, QC**

Some CRCF members decided to join together to create a Huddle - a gathering of people who wish to define next steps, and envision how to transform the energy shown at the Women's Marches into local and national action. During monthly meetings held on the first Thursday of the month from 2:00 to 3:00 pm at the Centre for Research on Children and Families, Huddlers identify social issues they are concerned about and develop strategies to act on. Members can also connect by videoconferencing or teleconferencing.

For more information or to join the Huddle, please contact [Jennifer Nutton](#).

## Job/Scholarship/Funding Opportunities

### A masters student looking for RA position

Syed, Saira Shujaat, a student in the International Masters in Health Leadership program in the Faculty of Management, is seeking a research assistant position at the CRCF. Click [here](#) to view Syed, Saira Shujaat's curriculum vitae.

### Student programs at Institute for Health and Social Policy

*Common Threads Through the Commonwealth.* \$6000 award. Deadline: April 21. [To Apply.](#)

*Internship Program.* \$2000 award. Deadline: April 16. [To Apply.](#)

*Graduate Award Program.* \$4000 award. Deadline: May 7. [To Apply.](#)

*McBurney Latin America Fellowship.* \$3500-\$4500 award. Deadline: April 9. [To Apply.](#) (note: for travel beginning May 2017)

*Language and Health Care Program.* \$4000-\$5000 award. Deadline: April 9. [To Apply.](#)

You can find full information for each program [here](#).

## News & Notices

### CRCF member, Dr. Ellenbogen, Radio Canada interview



[Listen](#) to CRCF member Dr. [Stephen Ellenbogen's](#) Radio Canada interview on the impact of physical abuse on the mental health of victims.

### Luna Vives awarded a Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship

CRCF member [Luna Vives](#) has been awarded a Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship. Administered by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, the Banting Postdoctoral Fellows Program aims to attract and retain both top-tier national and international postdoctoral students.



### Mónica Ruiz-Casares, newly appointed Associate Professor



Congratulations to CRCF member [Mónica Ruiz-Casares](#) who was recently appointed as an Associate Professor in the Division of Social and Transcultural Psychiatry at McGill. Her research privileges the voices of children and youth, and is inspired by action research principles.

## Publications & Presentations

**Physical and mental health of children with substantiated sexual abuse: Gender comparisons from a matched-control cohort study**

**Journal of Child Abuse and Neglect**

Isabelle Daigneault, Pascale Vézina-Gagnon, Catherine Bourgeois, [Tonino Esposito](#), Martine Hébert

Click [here](#) to view the article.

***ON THE RADAR* Volume 3, Issue 2 – The Families Left Behind: Inequities in post-secondary education savings programs 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

