

Call for Proposals

Childcare Research, Evidence and Policy: Mobilizing Knowledge

Research Conference • Winnipeg, MB • November 13, 2014

Over November 13- 15, 2014, the fourth national childcare policy conference “ChildCare2020: From vision to action” will take place in Winnipeg. Affiliated with the conference will be a one-day early childhood education and childcare policy research conference titled “Childcare Research, Evidence and Policy: Mobilizing Knowledge.”

The one-day refereed research conference is part of a SSHRC-funded Connections Project titled “Early Childhood Education and Care In Canada: Knowledge Transfer and Mobilization.” The full-day event will begin with a panel on the state of ECEC research in Canada. The morning will then see one or more panels on childcare policy research as well as connections to knowledge mobilization and transfer. Networking opportunities will occur over lunch. The afternoon will consist of one or more sessions. A morning and afternoon nutrition break are planned, affording attendees ample opportunity to network and to visit poster presentations on display. The conference will close with an afternoon panel focusing on ECEC knowledge mobilization and transfer.

Proposal instructions

The planning committee invites proposals on ECEC policy research with a particular interest in knowledge mobilization, broadly defined. We employ a wide definition of policy, and are interested in historical as well as contemporary, and international as well as Canadian perspectives. Inter-disciplinary approaches are warmly welcomed, as are emerging scholars. Please submit a 250 word abstract and title that includes the following:

- A brief description of the focus of the proposal, including its significance
- Perspective/theoretical approach and methodology
- Implications for policy and/or knowledge mobilization (broadly conceptualized)

Please clearly indicate which of the following best describes your submission:

- Submission to be considered for presentation in a panel session
- Poster submission

Please also include a short bio for each presenter.

Submission process:

Email your proposal as a Word Document to Susan.Prentice@umanitoba.ca by June 15, 2014. Please specify whether you wish to present a paper or a poster.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: June 15, 2014

All submissions will be reviewed and acceptances will be communicated by July 1, 2014. The organizing committee will combine submissions for theme-based panel presentations, and/or reserves the right to offer an alternative delivery format from what was submitted.

Thank you for your submission.

Conference organizing committee: Dr. Susan Prentice, Sociology, University of Manitoba; Dr. Donna Lero, Centre for Families, Work and Well-Being, University of Guelph; Martha Friendly, Childcare Resource and Research Unit, Toronto. Thanks to the “ChildCare2020: From vision to action” conference planning committee for coordination and administration of this research conference.

For more information about the national conference, visit the ChildCare2020 website at <http://www.childcare2020.ca/>
Follow the links for more information about the one-day research conference.