

Sponsorship Opportunities

ACT'S 12th Annual Focus on Research Conference

Autism & Family Quality of Life –

Developing Culturally Responsive Research and Intervention Programming

Friday & Saturday, April 15 & 16, 2016

Simon Fraser University Downtown Campus, Harbour Centre, 515 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

ACT – Autism Community Training (ACT) is hosting the 12th Annual Focus on Research to bring together researchers, community professionals and families in support of marginalized families impacted by autism and other special needs. ACT is seeking financial sponsorship to help host and share these important presentations and discussions at the live event and online.

Program

This conference will provide a forum for researchers, clinicians, educators, parents and those who work for community organizations to address the realities facing marginalized families who have children affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and other developmental disabilities, including Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Intellectual Disabilities. These families include First Nations, refugees, immigrants; all those isolated by virtue of language, culture or by living in rural or remote areas.

Growth in autism awareness over the last decade in the English-speaking world has greatly improved public understanding of the needs and abilities of all children with special needs. Despite this, when a family receives a diagnosis for their child, parents often experience a variety of feelings including disbelief, denial, shock, grief and depression. If parents speak English, they benefit from a range of information and supports. However, internationally there is a paucity of scientifically validated information on ASD in languages other than English or French. There is also a shortage of information that addresses the need for sensitivity in engaging with cultural communities. For example, First Nations communities in Canada are rarely addressed directly in autism research. Best practice in British Columbia and across Canada accepts that using a family-centred approach is essential to engaging families as partners in helping their children with social and communication disorders; marginalized families rarely benefit from this approach.

Your Contribution Will Support:

- Opportunities for families and researchers to engage in dialogue to inform family-centred research focused on the needs of marginalized communities.
- Increased access to autism research across Canada; parts of this conference will be web streamed and video recorded for free online access.
- The importance of evidence-based research.
- Connecting parents and professionals with community resources.
- Engage families and researchers in developing new research opportunities.
- Keeping registration costs low and accessible for attendees who otherwise would be unable to afford to attend.

Conference Committee

- Anthony Bailey, MD, FRCPC – Chair of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, UBC
- Karen D. Bopp, PhD, RSLP – Senior Behaviour Consultant, BC Ministry of Children and Family Development
- Diana Elliott – Provincial Advisor for Aboriginal Infant Development Programs, B.C.
- Grace Iarocci, PhD – Department of Psychology, Simon Fraser University
- Mandeep Gurm, MA – Doctoral Student, Simon Fraser University
- Bosang Lee, PhD – Executive Director, Here & Now Community Society, Surrey
- Deborah Pugh, MA – Executive Director of ACT – Autism Community Training
- Tamara Salih, MD, FRCPC – Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, BC Children's Hospital
- Michelle Schmidt, PhD – District Principal Education Services, Surrey School District

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Sponsorship Participation

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- Your organization will be thanked from the podium and announced as a sponsor of the conference
- Placement of logo on website and listed in conference materials
- You may select to sponsor the keynote address, single day video recording, or web streaming
- 1 x complimentary display table and 5 x complimentary registrations

Choose from: Keynote Address Sponsorship Single Day Web Streaming Single Day Video Recording

Community Sponsor \$1,500

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- Placement of logo on website and listed in conference materials
- You may select to sponsor a speaker, the print materials and handouts, or provide lunch for a single day
- 1 x complimentary display table and 2 x complimentary registrations

Choose from: Single Speaker Print Materials Friday Lunch Saturday Lunch

Community Partner \$500

- Placement of logo on website and listed in conference materials
- 1 x complimentary display table for sharing your community resources
- 1 x complimentary registration

Community Resource Display \$100

- Placement of logo on website
- Opportunity to share your community resources on a shared display table

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For more information, please contact Selina Lai
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