

SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS FAMILIES AFFECTED BY AUTISM THROUGH ENGAGEMENT AND RESEARCH

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2019

ACT'S 2019 FOCUS ON RESEARCH GATHERING

Event details & registration at:
actcommunity.ca/events

Tickets only \$50 until November 13
\$75 starting November 14



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In this one-day informal gathering, we will discuss how indigenous communities can be better served by research into the needs of their children affected by developmental disabilities. We will look at several research projects that have been developed in partnership with indigenous communities. The leadership of these projects will discuss the benefits of collaborative partnerships, in the context of chronically under-resourced indigenous programs, as a necessary step in the process of genuine reconciliation. Key findings of their research will be presented.

This is an opportunity for indigenous families, their service providers and researchers to share and discuss ways to respectfully engage in meaningful research that translates to improve circumstances for indigenous children and adults with developmental disabilities in their communities.

Only 50 in-person seats are available; **25 are being held for indigenous participants until November 14, 2019.**

Those who cannot be accommodated in-person can join via web streaming. **Bursaries** for web streaming are available if the cost is a barrier preventing attendance. Email info@actcommunity.ca for details.



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