**2027 National Meeting**

***Advancing Healthy Relationships for Canadian Children & Youth***

**Call for Abstracts**

**Abstract Submission Portal: https://tinyurl.com/smm5ay83**

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**Call for Abstracts**

- **All proposals must be submitted online no later than December 1st, 2026, 11:59pm MT via the Abstract Submission Portal: https://tinyurl.com/smm5ay83. We anticipate that presenters will be notified of acceptance decisions by late January 2027.**
- **All abstracts should be related to the conference theme: *Advancing Healthy Relationships for Canadian Children & Youth***
- If your submission is incomplete, it will not be reviewed for potential acceptance.
- An individual can be a presenting author or symposium/roundtable chair on a maximum of **two** submissions.
- **All submissions should focus on and/or have implications for the Canadian context.**
- We encourage submissions that focus on co-creation between research, practice and policy, aligned with PREVNet's mission.

**Submission Themes**

- Primary Themes – select **ONE** for each organized paper symposium, roundtable, or individual abstract submission
    - Bullying
    - Healthy relationships
    - Teen dating violence

**Types of Submissions**

- Organized Paper Symposium: Organized paper symposiums should be comprised of three papers on a single primary theme. Organized paper symposia should include a chair who will introduce the session and facilitate discussion, three individual papers, and an optional discussant. A discussant's role is to provide summary comments on the entire symposium, from their own perspective/expertise. Papers in these sessions should be a maximum of 20 minutes. One individual is responsible for submitting a single PDF with all the required components for the session (general abstract, as well as an abstract for each individual paper).

- Individual Paper Presentation: Abstracts for individual papers can be submitted for oral presentation. Conference organizers will group three individual papers together based on theme and similar content within a 75-minute concurrent session. *Please note that the ability for the conference committee to group your individual paper with two other papers is a factor for acceptance of individual paper presentations*. As such, we will ask authors during the submission process to also indicate if they are willing to present as an individual poster, in case we are unable to group your individual paper with two other individual papers of a similar theme.

- Individual Poster Presentation: Poster presentations will occur the evening of May 5th & May 6th, alongside a reception. Poster displays give presenters the opportunity to discuss their research with attendees during a 90-minute block of time. At least 20% of poster slots will be reserved for community presenters, and at least 30% will be reserved for trainees and early career researchers.

- Roundtable: Roundtable submissions do not focus on research findings but instead address areas or issues that are of timely importance to the field, and that encourage a lively dialogue and discussion. Examples could include priorities in bullying prevention, recommended policy innovations for teen dating violence, or advocacy for the inclusion of healthy relationships in school curriculum. For these sessions, there should be 1 chair and 3 (minimum) to 5 (maximum) panel members. Panel members should be a blend of people from inside and outside of the research community. Roundtables are 75 minutes in length. The chair should be prepared to facilitate dialogue amongst the panel, as well as open dialogue with the audience.

**Definitions**

**Students / trainees** include individuals currently enrolled in a high school, bachelor's, master's, MD, or PhD degree (or equivalent), or individuals who are currently pursuing postgraduate training opportunities (e.g., postdoctoral/postgraduate training, certification, residency).

**Early career researchers (ECRs)** include individuals who are within the first 5 years of their first independent research or academic position (i.e., the first position *after* all training – including postdoctoral, residency, sub-speciality etc. – is completed). For more details, see https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/54581.html.

**Community presenters** include anyone who does not hold an independent employment position at an academic institution.

## Submission Instructions

**Organized Paper Symposium**

*Note: Submissions for Organized Paper Symposia should be done by the symposium chair. All abstracts should be submitted as one PDF file.*

1. Select the presentation type: Organized Paper Symposium.
2. Select the most relevant Primary Theme for your Organized Paper Symposium submission.
3. Enter the title for the overall symposium (150 characters max).
4. Enter the name, degrees (if relevant), institutional/organizational affiliation and email address of the session chair.

    a. Indicate if the session chair is a trainee (e.g., undergraduate student, graduate student, postdoc, resident), early career researcher (as defined by https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/54581.html), or community presenter.
5. Enter the name, degrees (if relevant) and institutional/organizational affiliation of the symposium discussant (if relevant).
6. For each paper within the symposium, enter the (a) title, (b) presenting author's name, degrees (if relevant), institutional/organizational affiliation and email address; and (c) the names, degrees (if relevant), and institutional/organizational affiliations of any submission co-authors.
    a. Indicate if the presenting author is a trainee (e.g., undergraduate student, graduate student, postdoc, resident), early career (as defined by https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/54581.html), or community presenter.
    b. For each individual paper, indicate if the presenting author would be willing to present as a poster if the overall symposium is not accepted.
    c. For each individual paper, select 1-3 secondary themes that are most relevant to the submission**
7. Disclosures: Please indicate if there are any real or perceived conflicts of interest that need to be disclosed for any of the submission authors.
8. Upload a PDF that contains all abstracts. Name this PDF with the Abstract ID generated by the system.
    a. **For organized paper symposium, you will submit four abstracts in a single PDF**. There is a 2500-character limit for all abstracts (English) / 2800-character limit (French), including spaces. Abstracts exceeding this character limit will not be reviewed. References are not required. Tables and figures are not allowed. Ensure that there is no identifying information in the uploaded PDF (including the file name), to support masked review.
        i. Abstract 1: Symposium title + symposium overview abstract. The overview abstract should describe the overall symposium, including how each included presentation will contribute to its purpose and goals.
        ii. Abstract 2: Title + abstract for the first paper in the organized paper symposium
        iii. Abstract 3: Title + abstract for the second paper in the organized paper symposium
        iv. Abstract 4: Title + abstract for the third paper in the organized paper symposium
9. Hit submit! By submitting, you are agreeing to the following terms:
    a. You agree to present your submission if it is accepted. This includes registering for and attending the conference for the symposium chair, all presenting authors, and the discussant (if relevant).
    b. You have confirmed that all listed co-authors (if relevant) have consented to be included in this proposal.

**Individual Paper**

1. Select the presentation type: Individual Paper Presentation.
2. Enter the paper title (150 characters max).
3. Enter the presenting author's name, degrees (if relevant), institutional/organizational affiliation and email address.
    a. Indicate if the presenting author is a trainee (e.g., undergraduate student, graduate student, postdoc, resident), early career (as defined by https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/54581.html), or community presenter.
4. Enter the names, degrees (if relevant), and institutional/organizational affiliation of any submission co-authors.
5. Select 1-3 secondary themes that are most relevant to the submission**
6. Indicate if the presenting author would be willing to present as a poster if the overall symposium is not accepted.
7. Disclosures: Please indicate if there are any real or perceived conflicts of interest that need to be disclosed for any of the submission authors.
8. Upload a PDF that contains the submission title and submission abstract text. Name this PDF with the Abstract ID generated by the system. There is a 2500-character limit for all abstracts (English) / 2800-character limit (French), including spaces. Abstracts exceeding this character limit will not be reviewed. References are not required. Tables and figures are not allowed. Ensure that there is no identifying information in the uploaded PDF (including the file name), to support masked review.
10. Hit submit! By submitting, you are agreeing to the following terms:
    a. You agree to present your submission if it is accepted. This includes registering for and attending the conference.
    b. You have confirmed that all listed co-authors (if relevant) have consented to be included in this proposal.

**Individual Poster**

1. Select the presentation type: Individual Poster Presentation.
2. Enter the poster title (150 characters max).
3. Enter the presenting author's name, degrees (if relevant), institutional/organizational affiliation and email address.
    a. Indicate if the presenting author is a trainee (e.g., undergraduate student, graduate student, postdoc, resident), early career (as defined by https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/54581.html), or community presenter.
4. Enter the names, degrees (if relevant), and institutional/organizational affiliation of any submission co-authors.
5. Select 1-3 secondary themes that are most relevant to the submission**
6. Disclosures: Please indicate if there are any real or perceived conflicts of interest that need to be disclosed for any of the submission authors.
7. Upload a PDF that contains the submission title and submission abstract text. Name this PDF with the Abstract ID generated by the system. There is a 2500-character limit for all abstracts (English) / 2800-character limit (French), including

spaces. Abstracts exceeding this character limit will not be reviewed. References are not required. Tables and figures are not allowed. Ensure that there is no identifying information in the uploaded PDF (including the file name), to support masked review.

8. Hit submit! By submitting, you are agreeing to the following terms:
    c. You agree to present your submission if it is accepted. This includes registering for and attending the conference.
    d. You have confirmed that all listed co-authors (if relevant) have consented to be included in this proposal.

**Roundtable**

1. Select the presentation type: Roundtable.
2. Enter the Roundtable title (max 150 characters).
3. Enter the session chair's name, degrees (if relevant), institutional affiliation/organization and email address.
4. Enter the names, degrees (if relevant), and institutional/organizational affiliation for all panel members (minimum three, maximum five).
5. Select 1-3 secondary themes that are most relevant to the submission**
6. Disclosures: Please indicate if there are any real or perceived conflicts of interest that need to be disclosed for any of the submission authors.
7. Upload a PDF that contains the submission title and submission abstract text. Name this PDF with the Abstract ID generated by the system. A roundtable submission should only include one abstract which includes an outline of the issue and varying viewpoints that will be elaborated on by panelists. There is a 2500-character limit for all abstracts (English) / 2800-character limit (French), including spaces. Abstracts exceeding this character limit will not be reviewed. References are not required. Tables and figures are not allowed. Ensure that there is no identifying information in the uploaded PDF (including the file name), to support masked review.
11. Hit submit! By submitting, you are agreeing to the following terms:
    a. You and all named panelists agree to present your submission if it is accepted. This includes all panelists registering for and attending the conference.

****Secondary Themes**

For each submission, select **MINIMUM ONE / MAXIMUM THREE** secondary themes that are most relevant to the content of the submission:

- Advocacy & Policy
- Age Group: Early Childhood (0-5)
- Age Group: Middle Childhood (6-10)
- Age Group: Adolescence (11-17)
- Age Group: Adults who work with children and youth
- Age Group: Other

- Co-Creation & Partnerships: Families
- Co-Creation & Partnerships: Policy
- Co-Creation & Partnerships: Practice
- Co-Creation & Partnerships: Youth
- Co-Creation & Partnerships: Other
- Evaluation / Intervention Research
- Identities: Body shape and size
- Identities: Disabilities
- Identities: Indigenous (including Two-Sprit)
- Identities: LGBTQQIA+
- Identities: Neurodiversity
- Identities: Newcomers & refugees
- Identities: Racialization
- Identities: Other
- Implementation Science & Practice
- Knowledge Mobilization
- Measurement
- Prevention & Intervention: Universal / Primary / Tier 1
- Prevention & Intervention: Selected / Secondary / Tier 2
- Prevention & Intervention: Targeted / Tertiary / Tier 3
- Prevention & Intervention: Other
- Theory
- None of these secondary themes apply to my submission

**Peer Review Process and Rubric**

All submissions will be peer-reviewed. Peer reviewers will score abstracts based on:

- Impact
    - For submissions that are research-focused: The overall submission presents a clear theoretical and/or methodological foundation, addressing key issues of rigor as it pertains to the given method or approach. For empirical research submissions, abstracts with data will receive higher scores.
    - For submissions that are practice- or policy-focused: The overall submission presents a clear basis in theory, modality, practice orientation, and/or policy approach. The submission demonstrates actual results and/or clear implications.
- Equity, diversity, inclusion and accessibility (EDIA)
    - Included language adheres to APA Bias-Free Language Guidelines, and promotes the inherent dignity and worth of all people.
    - Empirical submissions that focus on Indigenous children, youth, families and communities adhere to TCPS Chapter 9 requirements.

- Overall impression
    - Overall impact of the submission on advancing understanding of bullying, teen dating violence, and/or healthy relationships among Canadian children and youth.

Scores for all categories will be on a scale of 1 (poor) to 5 (outstanding). The total score will be calculated as:

- Impact Score: /5
- EDIA Score: /5
- Overall Impression Score (out of 5; weighted x 2): /10
    - TOTAL SCORE = /20

Abstracts that score below 10 are unlikely to be accepted.

**Questions? Please contact us at prevnet@ucalgary.ca**