



Establishing a Community-University Partnership for Child and Youth Advocacy Centres

The Child and Youth Advocacy Centre (CYAC) approach is recognized as an exemplary model to address the needs of children and families experiencing the most complex and urgent cases of child abuse and neglect in Canada. The merits of this approach are clearly recognized by practitioners and families but there is a need to demonstrate the immediate and long-term outcomes for vulnerable children and youth and their families through ongoing evaluation and research. Research is needed to analyze existing systems-based data on health and well-being of children, youth and families who access CYACs. Luna Child and Youth Advocacy Centre and the University of Calgary have established a Child and Youth Advocacy Research and Knowledge Centre for creating and integrating new evidence and knowledge about child and youth advocacy into everyday practice. It is an opportunity for CYACs, system partners, researchers, evaluators, and people with lived experience to collaborate on the generation of evidence and sharing of knowledge. In this session, we will share what we've learned about: using a participatory approach to define our research agenda; the principles needed to guide our shared work; how to prioritize the enablers in the non-profit setting for high quality research, and how to work together!



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