

**Canadian Collaborative**

**Mental Health Care**

**Conference**

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# **25TH CANADIAN COLLABORATIVE MENTAL HEALTH CARE CONFERENCE**

**Fairmont Chateau Laurier (Ottawa, ON)**

**June 13 - 14, 2024**

# **ABSTRACT GUIDELINES**

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# About the Canadian Collaborative Mental Health Care Conference

The Canadian Collaborative Mental Health Care Conference aims to advance collaborative practices in mental health, primary care, and community settings. It is a unique interdisciplinary conference where all partners involved in mental health and substance use care can gather, learn together, and learn from each other. We value multiple forms of knowledge and evidence, including scientific knowledge, pragmatic knowledge of healthcare providers and administrators, traditional knowledge of Indigenous peoples, and experiential knowledge of service users, families and caregivers with lived or living experience of mental health or substance use challenges. Throughout the conference, we seek to promote dialogue between these different perspectives.

The main conference theme marking our 25th anniversary conference is “**Innovation to Impact: Scaling Up Collaborative Care**”. The theme reflects the evolution of the collaborative care movement over the past 25 years from a collection of mostly local, grassroots initiatives to a large-scale movement that now mobilizes a diverse range of partners locally, provincially, nationally, and internationally. The theme also recognizes the important work that remains to be done to spread and scale collaborative care to ensure that its benefits reach the greatest numbers possible. At this year’s conference, we will acknowledge some important milestones along this journey but also look forward and deliberate on the research, practice and policy actions needed to make collaborative care a more integral part of the fabric of our health systems.

Whether you are a healthcare provider or administrator, researcher, student, Indigenous person, policymaker, community-based service provider, or person, family member or caregiver with lived or living experience of mental health and/or substance use challenges, we invite you to submit an abstract and attend the conference to connect with a diverse and welcoming community that strives to remain at the cutting edge of practices and innovations that improve mental health and well-being in Canada and abroad.

## Important Dates

Call for Abstracts Opens: December 14, 2023  
Call for Abstracts Closes: February 16th, 2024 | 11:59 pm  
(EST) Notification of Acceptance: March 2024

## For Further Information

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# Presentation Formats

The conference is planned as a mainly in-person event with a limited number of presentations that may be accepted as part of a virtual conference stream. Contributors to the conference are invited to submit proposals for consideration by the Scientific Committee in one of the formats described below. Please note that the Scientific Committee may recommend changes to your presentation type or format in order to optimize the conference programming.

## **Oral presentations**

Oral presentations (15 minutes plus 5 minutes for questions) address research relevant to collaborative mental health care that is either complete or will be complete by the conference dates, descriptions or evaluations of innovative services or programs, quality improvement initiatives in the areas of mental health or substance use, and policy or system initiatives intended to advance collaborative care.

## **Poster presentations**

Poster presentations address ongoing or completed research relevant to collaborative care, descriptions or evaluations of innovative services or programs, quality improvement initiatives in the areas of mental health or substance use, and policy or system initiatives intended to advance collaborative care. Poster sessions facilitate contact with attendees to increase opportunities for discussion and professional networking.

## **Panel presentations**

Panel presentations (45 minutes plus 15 minutes for questions) bring together a diverse group of experts to present on a common theme related to collaborative care. All presenters must be identified at the time of abstract submission and the interactive nature of the presentation should be highlighted to ensure that the panel format adds value over individual presentations.

## **Interactive workshops**

Interactive workshop (90 minutes) provide participants with the opportunity to reflect on and apply the material presented while achieving specific learning objectives. At least half the time should be devoted to active 'hands-on' learning. These interactive elements and the time devoted to them must be described in the submission.

## **First person accounts and creative presentations**

First person accounts and creative presentations (15 minutes) provide attendees with an opportunity to share their stories and experiences and creatively express ideas using one or a variety of media or formats, including videos or films, storytelling or poetry, music, dance, photovoice, theatre, etc. Authors are required to explain how their presentation aligns with the main conference theme.

# Instructions, Guidelines and Important Information

## Proposals should include:

- Presenter name(s)
- Type of presenter(s)
- Degree(s), professional designation(s), organization(s), if any
- Presentation format
- Title of the presentation (30 words maximum)
- Three learning objectives – view a guide to creating learning objectives
- Description of presentation / abstract (max 250 words)
- Preference for type of presentation (in person, virtual, no preference)
- Language for the presentation (English, French)
- Alignment with conference theme and sub-themes

All abstracts must be submitted using the online abstract submission process:  
<https://event.fourwaves.com/2024ccmhcc/submission>

An individual/group may submit more than one proposal, in which case the content of each should be clearly distinct. Submissions from people with lived experience and family members are particularly encouraged.

Presenters are permitted to submit their abstract in the language of their choice and present in the language of their choice (English, French).

All accepted presenters will be required to register for and pay to attend the conference for at least the day of their presentation. **Note - People with lived experience and family members must register for the conference but bursaries are available to cover their registration costs to facilitate their participation in the conference. For additional information on our bursary program, please contact Vicki Price at [vicki@f2fe.com](mailto:vicki@f2fe.com).**

# Criteria for Acceptance

All proposals will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Importance of the topic
- Clarity and relevance of the learning objectives
- Relevance to collaborative mental health care and the main conference theme
- Quality of the writing

In addition, other criteria will be applied depending on the specific presentation format selected (rigour, quality of the proposed approach, originality).

## Abstract Sub-Themes

Presenters must identify which of the following sub-themes best describe the abstract being submitted:

- Access to care
- Children, youth and families
- Community-based services and innovations
- Culturally-sensitive care
- COVID-19
- Digital health
- Economics of collaborative care
- Education & Training
- Equity, social justice and social inclusion
- Health human resources and workforce development
- Indigenous health & Reconciliation
- Innovations in collaborative care
- Interprofessional and interorganizational collaboration
- Knowledge translation and implementation science
- Lived or living experience
- Marginalized or vulnerable populations
- Partnerships with service users, families and caregivers
- Policy and system issues
- Prevention, promotion and early intervention
- Quality improvement and evaluation
- Quality of care
- Recovery-oriented services and policies
- Seniors' care
- Social determinants of health
- Substance use and concurrent disorders
- Other (please specify)