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CONFERENCES
November 19-20, 2019
Chelsea Hotel, Toronto

EPION
EARLY PSYCHOsis INTERVENTION
ONTARIO NETWORK

epionevents.ca
Join us for our bi-annual two-day conference

The EPION conference will highlight and explore innovative and promising practices in early psychosis intervention. We will also recognize and honour the clinical, research and peer initiatives of our EPI programs as well as the ongoing work of EPION itself.

This bi-annual conference provides opportunity for those involved in Early Psychosis Intervention (EPI) in Ontario to:

- Share, learn and network together as clinicians, researchers, peer support workers, program managers, program evaluators, persons with lived experience and family members
- Understand the latest data and evidence on EPI and what it means for clinical practice
- Hear about the various initiatives undertaken by EPION through the EPION standing Working Groups and time-limited task groups
- Find out about the innovations and learnings from programs that have implemented new practices

Tuesday November 19
11:00 AM – 5:30 PM
(Registration from 10 AM)

Wednesday November 20
8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

QUESTIONS?
Carole Lem
Conference Registrar
registrar@epionevents.ca

The Early Psychosis Intervention Ontario Network (EPION) is a network of people who work in Early Psychosis Intervention services (EPI) in Ontario, individuals who have experienced EPI services, and family members. The goal of the network is to support the development and implementation of effective treatment and support systems for the early stages of psychosis. Our focus is to bring the benefits of early treatment to all Ontario citizens 14-35 years of age living with psychosis and to bring support to their families.

Visit us at help4psychosis.ca.
Registration

As with previous practice, financial support (program subsidies and client bursaries) will be available to help offset costs for staff/individuals affiliated with programs receiving MOHLTC funding for EPI services. Details about the availability of this support and the registration process will be available to EPION member programs in early May 2019.

We welcome guests from outside of EPION to register and participate in this exciting conference.

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**REGISTER**

http://epion2019.eventbrite.ca

Accommodations

A group rate has been arranged at the conference hotel. This **group rate** is available until October 18, 2019. Guests may book their rooms and let the hotel know you are part of the “Early Psychosis Intervention Ontario Network (EPION)” group room block.

**BOOK ONLINE**


**BOOK BY CALLING TOLL FREE**

1-800-CHELSEA

(243-5732)

**NOTE:** Guests attending on a bursary/subsidy should check with the registrar prior to booking accommodations, as their hotel may be included with the bursary/subsidy ➔ registrar@epionevents.ca

#EPION2019
Plenary Speakers

Dr. Chiachen Cheng
Child & Adolescent, Adult Psychiatrist; Physician Researcher
St. Joseph's Care Group
Assistant Professor
Northern Ontario School of Medicine
VP North America
IEPA Network

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Chi's research has examined program implementation and development, fidelity to EPI standards, evaluation of EPI training for healthcare workers, delivery of EPI services in rural and remote regions, and pathways to care among vulnerable populations (e.g., youth, Indigenous people). In 2017, Chi and the NorthBEAT team received a 4-year Ontario Trillium Foundation Youth Opportunities Fund grant to support the NorthBEAT Collaborative, which aims to improve coordination of care, build capacity to detect psychosis symptoms early, and enhance access to appropriate services for youth with psychosis who live in Northwestern Ontario.

Dr. Sean Kidd
Clinical Psychologist, Senior Scientist, Division Chief-Psychology
Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
Associate Professor of Psychiatry
University of Toronto

Technology-Driven Supports for people with Psychosis

The focus of Sean's career has been upon developing and trialing interventions for individuals with severe mental illnesses and homeless youth. He has also worked extensively in the areas of mental health reform and the study of marginalization and community participation amongst diverse individuals experiencing poverty and mental health challenges. Sean's intervention research has included the study of models of peer support, cognitive interventions for schizophrenia, complex interventions for homeless youth, and mobile health strategies for psychosis.
Amy Willans
Community Education Presenter and Peer Support Worker
Schizophrenia Society of Alberta (SSA)

From the ice to the page: A story of hope

Amy is currently a Community Education Presenter and Peer Support Worker for the Schizophrenia Society of Alberta (SSA). Amy is the author of Haunted by Blue (The Rasp and The Wine, 2014), and her written work has been published in The Globe and Mail, and various journals and anthologies. She is a past participant in the Iowa Writers’ Workshop graduate program at the University of Iowa; and has been a guest on CBC’s White Coat, Black Art; Global News and Bell Media.

Dr. Martin Lepage
James McGill Professor of Psychiatry
McGill University

Research Chair in Cognitive Neuroscience of Psychosis
FRQ-S

Deputy Scientific Director
Douglas Mental Health University Institute

Clinical Coordinator of Psychological Services, Psychosis Continuum Program
CIUSSS-ODIM

Recent (and not so recent) advances in psychological treatments in early psychosis

Martin’s research activities are designed to have immediate and direct impact on the well-being of clients with psychotic disorders. Interventions currently being tested include cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) for social anxiety adapted for people with psychosis, CBT for engulfment, and cognitive remediation therapy for memory problems. His research is supported by CIHR, NSERC, FRQS, MEI and by the industry (Lundbeck, Otsuka, & Janssen).
We are inviting proposals for presentations as we plan for EPION’s 2019 Conference!

Presentations can be individual or group (within or across EPI programs).

Topics can include:
- innovative clinical practices,
- program evaluation,
- research studies,
- lived experience initiatives, and
- community partnerships.

Formats can include:
- Oral presentations – research or clinical (20, 30, or 60 minutes)
- Symposium – collection of talks on a specific topic (60 minutes)
- Posters

The Abstract Review Committee will review all submissions. The Committee may accept your proposal in a category or format different from what was originally proposed.

It is expected that accepted proposals will be presented at the conference. All presenters need to register for the conference (either a single day or full 2-day registration).

DEADLINES
Proposal Submission
MAY 21, 2019
Successful applicants will be notified by
JUNE 28, 2019

QUESTIONS?
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SUBMIT PROPOSAL AT
epionevents.ca/call-for-proposals