

17th INRICH Workshop: *Understanding and Addressing Developmental Inequalities in Children and Youth*

hosted in partnership with McMaster University (Olaf Kraus De Camargo)

Location and dates: Ron Joyce Children's Health Centre, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

May 25-26, 2026

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS FOR POSTERS

DEADLINE: March 15, 2026

Graduate students and postdoctoral fellows are invited to submit an abstract for a poster presentation. Submissions should include a title, a 250-word proposal, and the name of the first author and those of any co-authors, the name of the institution and a correspondence email. The abstract must include the following components: 1- Introduction with the research question; 2- Method of research; 3- Results if relevant; 4- Conclusion. We also accept submissions for research proposals and protocols that are well defined. Abstracts will be scored based on scientific quality, impact (policy, communities) and alignment with the conference theme, or with INRICH's broader mission in the area of child health inequalities.

The three top-scoring abstracts will be selected for oral presentations on Day 2 of the conference (Tues 26th May 2026). Abstracts aligned with the conference theme will be prioritised for the oral presentations.

Please, send all submissions to info@inrichnetwork.org by midnight on Sunday March 15, 2026 (EDT). Decisions will be shared by Friday 3rd April.

Description of INRICH and theme

Each year, the INRICH network workshop brings together international academic researchers and policymakers to explore and tackle inequalities in child health. Through shared learning, public-benefit research, and open discussion, we aim to turn evidence into action that improves children's lives. This year's theme focuses on developmental inequalities in children and youth (*Understanding and Addressing Developmental Inequalities in Children and Youth*). Developmental inequalities among children and young people are an urgent challenge requiring collaborative, research-based solutions. A growing body of evidence shows that large numbers of children and young people around the world are exposed to inequalities that hinder their development globally. The 17th annual INRICH workshop will bring together researchers and partners to explore local and international perspectives, with a solution focused approach to reducing these disparities.