



WITH THE SUPPORT OF

17th Annual Workshop  
May 25 and 26, 2026  
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

**DRAFT PROGRAM**

**AS OF APRIL 1, 2026**

## **Understanding and addressing developmental inequalities in children and young people**

**Location: Ron Joyce Children's Health Center  
325 Wellington St N, Hamilton, ON L8L 0A4, Canada**

### **WORKSHOP DAY 1: Monday, May 25**

8:30am – 9:15am Registration of participants and welcome coffee

9:15am – 9:30am Welcome from INRICH leadership and opening remarks from local host Olaf Kraus De Camargo

#### **Bloc 1: Opening Plenary**

**Theme: Thinking about Solutions: Research Policy and Communities**

9:30am to 10:30am

**Chair: Emmanuelle Arpin**

**Speaker: Andrea Cross**

Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Associate Member in the School of Rehabilitation Science at McMaster University

10:30am to 11:00am Coffee break

#### **Bloc 2: Panel**

**Theme: Local perspectives on developmental inequalities in children and young people**

11:00am to 12:30pm

**Chair: Anna Price**

**Speakers:**

- 1. Vanessa Tomas** (Postdoctoral researcher, Department of Pediatrics, McMaster University and CanChild) **and co-presenter Melanie Shelby**
- 2. Kinga Pozniak** (Postdoctoral Researcher, CanChild Centre for Childhood Disability Research, McMaster University)
- 3. Anne Fuller** (Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at McMaster University)

12:30pm – 2:30pm Group photo (12:30-12:45pm); Lunch and tour of posters #1 (12:45pm-2:30pm)

**Bloc 3: Plenary/Panel**

**Theme: International solutions to developmental inequalities in children and young people**

2:30pm to 4:00pm

**Moderator: Baltica Cabiese**

**Speakers:**

- 1. Josie Dickerson, A Co-produced Early Years System, UK**
- 2. Sharon Goldfeld, Changing Children's Chances, Aus**

4pm to 4:30pm Moderated discussion of the day presentations (INRICH leadership and Olaf)

**7:00pm INRICH dinner and networking event**  
**Location: Ciao Bella, 26 Augusta St, Hamilton, ON L8N 1P7**

**WORKSHOP DAY 2: Tuesday, May 26**

8:15am – 8:45am Registration of participants and welcome coffee

**Bloc 1: Opening Plenary**

**Theme: Solutions-oriented theme, policy and impact**

8:45am – 9:45am

**Moderator: Baltica Cabieses**

**Gita Wahi**, Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, McMaster University, and Pediatrician, McMaster Children's Hospital

9:45am to 10:15am Coffee break

**Bloc 2: Presentations**

**Theme: Student presentations (selected abstracts on solutions in developmental inequalities)**

10:15am – 11:15am

**Moderator: Josie Dickerson**

- 1. Jarod Benoit, University of Alberta**  
Income Inequality and Mental Health Among Canadian Adolescents: The Mediating Role of School-Based Mental Health Service Availability
- 2. Leah Atwell, University of Exeter**

Addressing early childhood inequalities through parent involvement: A realist investigation of community-based service design

11:15am-12:00pm INRICH Annual General Meeting (led by internal INRICH Leadership)

12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch and Tour of posters #2

**Bloc 3: Presentations**

**Theme: Research from INRICH members**

1:00pm – 2:30pm

**Chair: Anna Price**

**Speakers:**

1. Lise Gauvin (École de santé publique de l'Université de Montréal)
2. Anders Hjern (Karolinska/INRICH member)
3. Lynn Kemp (Western Australia University)

**Bloc 4: Final panel, moderated**

**Theme: Scaling up research, policy and impact**

2:30pm – 3:30pm

**Moderator: Emmanuelle Arpin**

**Panelists:**

1. Meta Van Den Heuvel (Hospital for Sick Children, SickKids)
2. Mira Johri (École de santé publique de l'Université de Montréal)

3:30pm – 4:00pm Closing remarks and reflections from Olaf and internal INRICH Team

Announcement of location and host for the 2027 meeting