



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

FINAL PROGRAM

AS OF APRIL 27, 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: From Research to Policy and Practice

9:30am – 10:30am

**Moderator: Emmanuelle Arpin
Speaker: Andrea Cross (McMaster University)**

10:30am – 11:00am Coffee break

Bloc 2: Panel Theme: Local perspectives on developmental inequalities in children and young people: Centering on the voices of those most impacted

11:00am – 12:30pm

Moderator: Anna Price

Speakers:

- **Vanessa Tomas (McMaster University) and Melanie Sheldon (Rehabilitation Centre for Children, Manitoba)**
- **Kinga Pozniak (McMaster University) and Vasilije Grahovac and Danijela Grahovac (patient and parent partners, Ontario)**
- **Anne Fuller (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

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

2:30pm – 4:00pm

Moderator: Baltica Cabieses

Speakers:

- **Alexandra Parr (IINARA Programme, Chile)**
- **Josie Dickerson (Better Start Programme, UK)**
- **Sharon Goldfeld (Changing Children's Chances Programme, Australia)**
- **Natasha Saunders (Saunders Policy Lab, SickKids, Canada)**

4pm – 4:30pm Moderated discussion of the day presentations (INRICH leadership)

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 Welcome

Bloc 1: Keynote speaker

Theme: Towards Sustainable Solutions

8:45am – 9:45am

Moderator: Anna Price

Speaker: Gita Wahi (McMaster University Children's Hospital)

9:45am – 10:15am Coffee break

Bloc 2: Presentations

Theme: Student presentations (selected abstracts)

10:15am – 11:15am

Moderator: Josie Dickerson

- **Nicholas Grubic (University of Toronto, Canada)**

Social gradient in activity-specific screen use by family affluence: cross-sectional study among Canadian school-aged children

- **Jarod Benoit (University of Alberta, Canada)**

Income Inequality and Mental Health Among Canadian Adolescents: The Mediating Role of School-Based Mental Health Service Availability

- **Leah Atwell (University of Exeter, UK)**

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 INRICH leadership)

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

Bloc 3: Presentations

Theme: Research from INRICH members

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Moderator: Anna Price

Speakers:

- **Lise Gauvin (University of Montreal, Canada)**
- **Anders Hjern (Karolinska Institutet, Sweden)**
- **Lynn Kemp (Western Australia University, Australia)**

Bloc 4: Final panel

Theme: Reflections on policy, impact and scaling-up

2:30pm – 3:30pm

Moderator: Emmanuelle Arpin

Panelists:

- **Meta Van Den Heuvel (SickKids, Canada)**
- **Mira Johri (University of Montreal, Canada)**
- **Erica Perry (Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, Ontario, Canada)**

3:30pm – 4:00pm Closing remarks

Announcement of location and host for the 2027 meeting: Karolinska Institutet, Sweden (with Anders Hjern)