

# OSSU UPDATE



Ontario SPOR SUPPORT Unit Newsletter

Summer 2016

## OSSU IN SUDBURY

OSSU took to the road to promote Patient Oriented Research (POR) in Sudbury, Ontario. At a networking session held on May 30, researchers in the area learned about POR and how OSSU can help. Engaging presentations from each OSSU centre provided detailed information and examples of the type of information and expertise available through the SUPPORT Unit to support POR.



Dr. David Henry, Co-Scientific Lead, OSSU, facilitating a discussion on POR resources and expertise available through the SUPPORT Unit.

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Left, David O'Brien East Metro Youth Services; Dr. Joanna Henderson clinician scientist and Director of the McCain Centre at CAMH; Olivia Heffernan Youth Engagement Facilitator, CAMH

## YOUTHCAN IMPACT TEAM HOLDS OFFICIAL LAUNCH EVENT

Dr. Peter Szatmari and the YouthCAN IMPACT research team held a project launch event on June 14, 2016 at East Metro Youth Services in Scarborough, Ontario. This exciting event attracted 18 partners representing government, not-for-profit organizations, mental health services agencies and family health teams for youth as either participants or supporters of the initiative. The YouthCAN IMPACT project seeks to evaluate the effectiveness of an Integrated Collaborative Care Team (ICCT) model of care including enhanced walk-in mental health services for youth aged 11 to 25, right in the community. The unique features of this project include the integration of existing youth mental health and addiction services and the involvement of patients in the co-development of the project and its evaluation tool.

*Removing barriers for youth to access mental health and addiction services will improve short and long term outcomes for this vulnerable group of patients.*

Dr. Peter Szatmari, Chief of the Child and Youth Mental Health Collaborative at CAMH, SickKids, and the University of Toronto.

## IN BRIEF

### Jennifer Walker, Chair, Indigenous Health

OSSU is pleased to congratulate Dr. Jennifer Walker on her Tier II Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Health at Laurentian University. Dr. Walker is appointed as Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Health at the School of Rural and Northern Health.

### Trillium 2016: Primary Health Care Research Day

The INSPIRE-PHC program, led by Dr. Moira Stewart at Western University, hosted the Trillium Primary Health Care Research Day on June 1 in Toronto. The event was a success with over 100 participants and 51 poster/oral presentations. A full list of presentations and a copy of the program can be found at [www.trilliumresearchday.com](http://www.trilliumresearchday.com).

### Patient Engagement Training

The Ottawa Methods Centres will be offering training courses for researchers in Patient Engagement. For more information, contact: [SPOR-OMC@TOH.CA](mailto:SPOR-OMC@TOH.CA).

## CHILD HEALTH DATASETS

The Ontario Child Health Support Unit (OCHSU) recently launched the Inventory of Child Health Datasets. This publicly available searchable inventory includes almost 100 datasets related to child health and health care. The inventory will help child health researchers identify potential sources of information for secondary analyses. Find out more about the inventory at [www.ochsu.ca](http://www.ochsu.ca).



*The Inventory of Child Health Datasets will hopefully be a valuable and useful resource for researchers, funders and knowledge users.*

Colin Macarthur, Senior Scientist, CHES Program, Hospital for Sick Children Research Institute

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 3-5 Canadian Health Workforce Conference, Ottawa, ON  
Nov 7-9 POR Masterclass, Toronto, ON  
Nov 30 Research Day, Toronto, ON  
— 2017 —  
Mar TBD Pragmatic Trials Workshop, Toronto, ON  
Mar 8,9 CTO Conference, Toronto, ON

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## Save the Date!

### OSSU / MOHLTC Research Day

The Ontario SPOR SUPPORT Unit (OSSU) and the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) invite you to attend its Research Day event, which will bring together leading members of Ontario's health research community and its knowledge users, and will feature local and international speakers on topics related to patient-oriented research.

**Date:** Wednesday, November 30th, 2016 7:45am - 3:00pm

**Location:** MaRS Discovery District, 101 College Street, Toronto, ON M5G 1L7  
(Main Auditorium and Lower Concourse)

## WOMEN'S XCHANGE EVENT

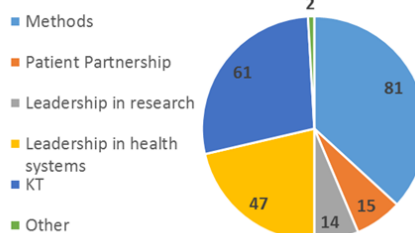
On May 6, the OSSU Centre at Women's Xchange hosted Challenging Poverty: Measuring, Experiencing and Moving Beyond, its sixth event aimed at building capacity among academic, community and student women's health researchers. The event focused on the role of community associations and researchers in measuring and challenging poverty, and how lived experience can inform research.

Learn more about this event at [www.womensxchange.womensresearch.ca](http://www.womensxchange.womensresearch.ca).

## OSSU PERFORMANCE 2016

As part of OSSU's annual performance reporting to CIHR, a number of major contributions to patient-oriented research in Ontario were identified. These include the production of over 1000 knowledge products (including around 300 plain language, media and social media products); over 500 requests for support (including from patients themselves) - more than half completed within the year; and nearly 2000 people trained through OSSU Capacity building opportunities (see figure), with around 10% of those being patients.

Capacity Building Opportunities through OSSU 2015-16



*Since the launch of OSSU, patient oriented research has gained a lot of traction in the mainstream of health research in Ontario. It is fantastic to see researchers engaging patients, policy makers and providers in the process of producing contextually-relevant evidence to inform health care delivery.*

Dr. Vasanthi Srinivasan, Executive Director, OSSU

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