



Side-by-Side

Fatherhood Matters in the Early Years

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3rd Canadian National Fatherhood Conference
February 28 to March 1, 2019 Ottawa, ON

We are seeing dads and other male-caregivers doing things with their children a lot these days. What we know is that the sooner the connection begins the stronger the connection will be. We want to have some discussions about the importance of the early years in the father-child bond.

The 3rd Canadian National Fatherhood Conference is planned for February 28 and March 1, 2019. We are pleased to announce that we have confirmed **Dr. Stuart Shanker** as one of the keynotes. The conference will call together workers, clinicians, practitioners, managers, and researchers from across Canada to present and share their work with fathers. In particular, this year's efforts will focus on things like:

- Prenatal experiences and support
- Early bonding and attachment
- Post-partum issues
- Mental health of the father, the family, and those around him
- Ways to support and encourage a diversity of male-caregiver roles such as grandfathers, step fathers, foster fathers and more
- Innovative services or programs for early years fatherhood
- Research into understanding the needs of early years fatherhood

The 3rd Canadian National Fatherhood Conference is for anyone interested in engaging fathers in their community with services, programs, or resources. Our goal is to help you provide fathers with the knowledge and support needed around the healthy development of children.

It will connect people by creating much-needed networking around engaging fathers in the early years in programs and communities. It will inform people by focusing on practical and researched-based father involvement information. It will mobilize people through ideas and the momentum of conversations about fatherhood.

We are inviting submissions for 90 minute workshops and for poster presentations.

Though we don't have the capacity for translation within the conference, we do hope to offer workshops in both French and English. Therefore, proposals are welcome in either language.

Even though the focus of this conference is on the early years, we are looking for proposals on other issues facing men as parents, too.

Proposals can:

- Provide practical and innovative program ideas and strategies for working with fathers in the early years.
- Increase awareness of how risky situations affect fathers ability to be engaged with their families.
- Increase understanding of issues facing fathers today (school, health, stress, employment, etc.).
- Inform on how fathers can best engage their children through day-to-day activities (play, literacy, etc.).
- Expand knowledge about the influence of fathers on the health and well-being of children, families, and communities.
- Increase the capacity of communities, agencies, and individuals to better engage fathers
- Create opportunities for participants to network across diverse areas of interest, expertise, and practice with fathers.

Details:

- Proposals must focus on these objectives.
- Proposals must summarize the practical strategies that will be shared with the participants.
- Deadline for Submissions is May 31, 2018.
- Submissions must be emailed to info@dadcentral.ca. See attached form.
- Notifications will be sent out by June 30, 2018.

** Presenters are welcome to attend the conference at no charge.

Please complete the following information and send it to info@dadcentral.ca

Name *

Agency *

Email *

Phone

Website

I am submitting a proposal for:*

- workshop
- program
- research poster
- Other:

Language of delivery *

- English
- French

Title of submission *

Three learning objectives *

Description of workshop/display/poster (max 300 words) *