**October 2025 PHAC Ontario Region Updates**

**Community Action for Prenatal and Child Health Program (CAPCHP) Solicitation**    
ISFR’s are being reviewed.  You have already been contacted regarding changes and clarifications required. For those contacted, please submit the revised documents as soon as possible to avoid delays. All revisions hope be finalized no later than October 3rd, 2025.

The refreshed objectives of CAPCHP will continue to focus on health promotion, they are as follows:

* **To build community capacity** to encourage to encourage and support the health and well-being of pregnant women and people, infants and children (0-6 years) and their parents and caregivers;
* **To build partnerships and intersectoral collaboration** to promote the health and well-being of pregnant women and people, infants and children (0-6 years) and their parents and caregivers;
* **To facilitate the development and exchange of knowledge** to promote the health and well-being of pregnant women and people, infants and children (0-6 years) and their parents and caregivers;

**ART deck and corresponding placemats**

**Placemats for 2024-2025 are currently being worked on. Data is being cleaned and will later be analyzed. The placemats will be started in the New Year.**

The National placemats for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 can be found on WebConnects at: <https://www.webconnects.ca/node/778>

**Progress Reports**

Progress Reports will be sent out shortly by Program Consultants. The template is the same as last year. Progress Reports are due Oct 30, 2025.

**Project Monitoring Calls (PMC)**

PMC calls will be set up with projects by Program Consultants in October and November. They typically are an hour long and will be going over project activities, governance and emerging trends. This is also a great time for projects to review their budgets and make sure they align with project activities. If needed budget transfers can be discussed between the project and PC/CGC officer.

[**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**](https://www.canada.ca/en/government/grants-funding.html)**:**

* New Research Funding Will Help to Strengthen Canada’s National School Food Program - <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2025/08/new-research-funding-will-help-to-strengthen-canadas-national-school-food-program.html>

**PHAC REGIONAL PORTFOLIOS UPDATES**

**NOBODY’S PERFECT** -No current update.

**FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER (FASD)**

* **2025-CANFASD conference- OCTOBER 21 - 23, 2025**

Conference – October 21-23, 2025

[Canada FASD Conference - CanFASD](https://canfasd.ca/canada-fasd-conference/)

* **Assessment on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder in Canada report**

The Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS) is pleased to announce the release of the report on “Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) in Canada: Current Knowledge and Policy”, funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC).

The report is the result of evidence reviews, extensive consultations across Canada, and panel discussions beginning in 2024.

 For the reports, please click on the following link:

[Assessment on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder in Canada | Évaluation sur le trouble du spectre de l’alcoolisation fœtale au Canada – Canadian Academy of Health Sciences | Académie canadienne des sciences de la santé](https://cahs-acss.ca/fasdassessment/)

* **FASD Training:**

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) continues to work with the Canada Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Research Network (CanFASD) to develop and pilot an online FASD training course tailored to the needs of Community Action Program for Children (CAPC) and Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program (CPNP) projects.

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This information can be found on WebConnects at: <https://www.webconnects.ca/index.php/node/810>

**FAMILY VIOLENCE**

The training opportunity called [*Being Trauma Aware*](https://trauma.respectgroupinc.com/) *-*Being Trauma Aware is a FREE e-learning course.  For some resources on family violence go to [Luna Child and Youth Advocacy Centre](https://www.lunacentre.ca/resources)

**ADDITIONAL TRAINING/EVENTS/RESOURCES/FUNDS**

**Results: University of Toronto national survey of lactation and food supports offered to participants through CPNP**

Last year, researchers from the University of Toronto completed a national survey of lactation and food support offered to participants through CPNP programming, and the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic. The findings are now available, a graphic report and a full report, and you can access them using this link: [https://childnutrition.utoronto.ca/canada-prenatal-nutrition-program-survey](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fchildnutrition.utoronto.ca%2Fcanada-prenatal-nutrition-program-survey&data=05%7C02%7Crosetta.ramos%40phac-aspc.gc.ca%7C415d7a3c6f0d41b974b808dcf9192775%7C42fd9015de4d4223a368baeacab48927%7C0%7C0%7C638659133639679059%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=XJHIw28%2FEMVpqr%2FvE907sTIgH6S7yhNo4kkqHlIynyQ%3D&reserved=0)

The researcher’s email: [joanna.baxter@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:joanna.baxter@mail.utoronto.ca)).

**Child Development Update 2025**

December 4 & 5, 2025 — Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital

Clinical Updates on Childhood Development and Disability

Enhance your knowledge and skills to provide the highest quality of care for children with special needs and their families.

Uncover the latest updates and practices that you can incorporate into clinical practice during this synthesized, two-day conference format. Learn about new guidelines and gain skills to appropriately assess and manage paediatric developmental disorders and disabilities. Plenary sessions and workshops highlight evidence-based updates related to feeding and sleep disorders, ADHD, Cerebral Palsy, and Rett Syndrome, among other focuses. Plus, learn about emergent advances in the field of child development during keynote presentations delivered by internationally renowned researchers.

**Program Director**

**Dr. Golda Milo-Manson**   
Associate Professor, Department of Paediatrics,University of Toronto   
Vice-President Medicine and Academic Affairs   
Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital

**2025 Hawke Family Lectures**



***Presentation: Precision Health and Childhood Disability***   
**Evdokia Anagnostou** MD, FRCPC   
Vice President of Research and Director, Holland Bloorview Research Institute and Child Neurologist



***Presentation: Genetics and Cerebral Palsy: What is a Clinician to Do?***   
**Darcy Fehlings** MD, MSc, FRCPC   
Senior Clinician Scientist, Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital and Developmental Pediatrician

**Conference Highlights**

* **2 keynotes sharing the latest advancements in the field of child development**
* **6 plenary sessions sharing new guidelines, interventions, and strategies**
* **6 small group, breakout workshops to select from**

**Who Should Attend?**

Updates shared will be of interest to **developmental paediatricians, community paediatricians, and family medicine physicians**, as well as health professionals interested in learning about the latest updates and guidelines in child development including: **psychologists, audiologists, speech and language specialists, social workers, and educators**.

**Reminders:**

Sydney Bell - CAPC/CPNP Network newsletters and please register with Webconnects to keep updated on all training and knowledge sharing that is available.