

2023 INTERNATIONAL TRANSITIONS FROM CHILD PROTECTION SYMPOSIUM

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DAY 1

Learning like a movement

Understanding the dynamics of the work both in Canada and internationally, we can begin to take stock of the valued opportunities and collective challenges we have in this work. Across the themes of Policy, Systems Change, Practice, Research and National leadership, informed panels will share through facilitated dialogue and presentations, the innovation, progress and partnerships that are present.

7:30am Coffee and Registration

8:00am Breakfast

9:00am Land Acknowledgement

9:15am Welcome Message from
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9:30am Why are we here?
Melanie Redman

10:00am Reflecting on our Experiences
Transitioning from Care
Youth with Lived Experience

11:00am HEALTH BREAK

11:15am Stream Round 1

12:15pm Stream Round 2

1:15pm Lunch KeyNote
Dr. Naomi Thulien

2:15pm Stream Round 3

3:15pm Stream Round 4

4:15pm Day 1 Closing Message
Hon. Mitzi Dean

5:00pm Evening Networking Event
Westin Wall Centre

SESSION STREAMS

RESEARCH

Grounding ourselves in research; what we know and how to make the case for new knowledge to influence momentum change.

Includes panelists Dr. Naomi Nichols, Dr. Varda Mann-Feder, Dr. Christine Stich, and Dr. Janice Victor

POLICY

Grounding ourselves in policy and systems change; innovations and progress are taking shape. How else is Government shifting?

Joined by senior leadership across Provincial, Territorial and International governments

PRACTICE

Grounding ourselves in practice innovations; what key elements of community practice that should take root in our transitions work?

Includes panelists Heather O'Keefe from StepStones for Youth, Courtenay Hick from Trellis, Justin Sage-Passant from Covenant House, and Lisa O'Brien from Focus Ireland

EQUITABLE STANDARDS

Grounding ourselves in the Equitable Standards for Transitions to Adulthood in Canada; why the eight transition pillars are critical to defining the areas in which youth in care need support.

Includes panelists Dr. Melanie Doucet and Members of the National Council of Youth Leaving Care Advocates



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DAY 2

Strategizing like a movement

Where do we go from here? Supported by [Tamarack Institute](#), we will engage in solution-focused discussion and explore the insights and opportunities for Policy, Systems Change, Practice, Research and National leadership to work closely to shift the trajectory of transitions work both in Canada and internationally.

8:00am Breakfast

9:00am Day 2 Greeting
BC Government Official

9:15am Welcome and
Overview of Day 2
Dr. Stephen Gaetz

10:00am Opening Activity:
Developing a Common Agenda
Tamarack Institute

10:45am HEALTH BREAK

11:00am Tamarack-led Activity

12:30pm Lunch

1:30pm Tamarack-led Activity

2:30pm HEALTH BREAK

2:45pm Final Activity:
Where to go from here

4:00pm Day 2 Closing

ENGAGEMENT PROCESS AND OBJECTIVES

Supported by Tamarack Institute, activities will be guided by the following process:

- *Developing a common agenda and shared objectives*
- *Identify mutually-reinforcing activities*
- *Understanding how activities can fit within a larger strategy*
- *Thinking beyond programs to systems*
- *Indicating shared measures and targets to achieve the intended impact*

Process objectives include the following:

Policy - Advocating for policy change at local or provincial levels to improve the systems

Enhancing Services - Bringing in previously unnoticed practices, movements or resources to enhance existing local services

Learning Through Prototyping - Start small with willing partners, learn from the experience and then expand

Increasing Coordination - Re-aligning existing programs and stakeholders to maximize system efficacy

Please note that refreshments, breakfast, and lunch are included both days, as well as passed hors d'oeuvres at evening networking event.

