

ADVANCE NOTICE

4th Conference on Recent Advances in the Prevention and Management of **Childhood and Adolescent Obesity** *Strategies and Solutions - From Practice to Policy*

Date: Pre-Conference: Wednesday, October 24, 2012
Main Conference: Thursday, October 25 & Friday, October 26, 2012

Location: The Lord Nelson Hotel & Suites
1515 South Park Street, Halifax, NS

CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION

This conference brings together an interdisciplinary group of professionals and policy makers working in the field of childhood and adolescent obesity. The 4th conference will focus on strategies and solutions - from practice to policy. This theme recognizes that obesity is a complex problem requiring a complex solution-oriented approach to its prevention and management. Specifically, the conference will showcase examples of the best and promising practice across Canada, and across multiple settings. From provincial level policies to school and community level interventions, and through practice-based management programs targeting multiple behaviours that are associated with obesity, the conference seeks to promote a solution-oriented approach to obesity prevention and management.

CONFERENCE GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- To examine how to engage multiple stakeholders in interventions for the prevention and management of childhood and adolescent obesity
- To highlight policy, solution-oriented approaches and promising practice for childhood and adolescent obesity prevention and management
- To provide a forum for networking and collaboration among health professionals, educators, researchers, policy makers, trainees and other stakeholders with an interest in childhood and adolescent obesity

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This conference will be of interest to anyone interested in learning about and sharing issues and experiences regarding childhood & adolescent obesity including, but not limited to, the following individuals:

Administrators/Managers, Community Health Workers, Counsellors, Diabetes Educators, Dietitians, Early Childhood Educators, Educators, Family Development Workers, Family Physicians, Family Resource Program Staff, Fitness Professionals, Health Promoters, Nurses, Nutritionists, Paediatricians, Parents, Policy Makers, Psychologists, Researchers, School Principals, Social Workers, Students and Teachers

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Please turn over the page for more information.

EXHIBITING

Health associations and/or community organizations wanting to exhibit at this conference are invited to contact the conference organizers for more information (see below).

HOTEL INFORMATION

The conference hotel and accommodation will be provided by The Lord Nelson Hotel & Suites, located on 1515 South Park Street, Halifax, NS. We are pleased to offer a group rate of \$109 for Petite, \$119 for Classic and \$129 for Executive based on single or double occupancy, plus 2% marketing levy and 15% HST. We suggest you book your room NOW as we anticipate that our room block will fill up quickly. To reserve a room, please call 1 (800) 565 - 2020 or (902) 423-5130 and let hotel reservations know that you are booking under the Obesity 2012 Conference room block.

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DEADLINE FOR POSTER SUBMISSIONS - Friday, March 23, 2012

Please Note: For presenters of accepted poster presentations, the conference does not cover honoraria, accommodation, travel or other associated expenses. However, the primary poster presenter is eligible for a reduced registration fee to attend the conference. Notification in regards to acceptance will be sent by June 2012.

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The 4th Conference on Recent Advances in the Prevention and Management of Childhood and Adolescent Obesity provides an excellent forum for authors to present their work in an interactive setting. Posters are ideal for presenting scientifically based investigations, clinical case studies, and demonstrations of community projects. Posters are intended to provide attendees with a forum to connect with each other and to engage in discussions about their work.

FOR TRAINEES ONLY

Up to four abstracts submitted by trainees will be chosen to be presented as oral presentations. Please indicate on your abstract submission whether or not you are a trainee (i.e., undergraduate student, health professional intern, graduate student, research fellow) and your presentation preference: 'Poster Presentation Only' or 'Poster or Oral Presentation'.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

- Outline how your work is related to the conference objectives (please refer to Advance Notice)
- Abstract summary (400 words or less) must be submitted online at interprofessional.ubc.ca or by e-mail to jo.ipce@ubc.ca in Word Document format (.doc)
- Submission Deadline: Friday, March 23, 2012
- Abstract Formatting
 1. Title of presentation
 2. Author name(s), organization name(s). List primary presenter's name first & underlined
 3. Street address, city, province/state, postal code, telephone number, fax number & email address of all presenters
 4. Background: An introduction to the topic and the problem(s) being addressed
 5. Purpose: Present main research questions, hypothesis, objectives for undertaking the investigation
 6. Methods: Include descriptions of participants, procedures, instrumentation, data analysis, or the equivalent
 7. Results: Results presented in the poster can be final or preliminary
 8. Conclusions: Clearly present the "take home messages" from your investigation as it relates to childhood and adolescent obesity. Keep in mind the goal of the conference is to encourage interaction between disciplines and between health care practitioners, researchers, policy makers and administrators
 9. Indicate if you are a trainee and would like to present this submission as an oral abstract.

*** To view a sample of an abstract submission for your reference and guidance, please refer to our website: interprofessional.ubc.ca under the "Obesity" Conference.***