

Centre for Rural and Northern Health Research (CRaNHR)

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12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

HSERC 242, Laurentian University (Presenter)
BSC 1013, Lakehead University

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“A Population-Based Exploration of Parents' Experiences with Informal and Formal Supports”

Parents play a critical role in the health, well-being, and the long-term success of their children. The support parents receive, both formal and informal, can influence parenting behaviours, knowledge of child development, and parenting confidence. Evidence suggests that parents who are socially supported are more likely to participate in community programs and the range of developmental experiences that are an important part of healthy child outcomes. Most research in this area, however, comes from studies among select groups of parents (e.g., low income, single parents, teen moms, parents connected to specific programs) with few studies examining trends among a broad cross-section of parents in a given population. To address this knowledge gap in Peel Region, Ontario, the Peel Children and Youth Initiative embarked on a population-based study (n=1,543) to examine the types of supports on which parents rely, including both informal supports such as help and advice, and more formal supports such as programs and services available to them in their community. The study also assessed experiences with formal supports including participation levels, awareness, perceived importance, and barriers to access. Findings indicate: 1) Parents who access informal supports are much more likely to participate in formal parenting supports, and this relationship is strongest for parents of younger children (0-6 years) than older children (7-12 years); 2) Parental ethnicity and immigration status were the strongest determinants of parents' experiences with formal supports (e.g., participation levels, awareness, perceived importance, and barriers to access) above all other parental characteristics examined such as income, marital status, and gender. Implications of the findings for policy and practice among the community agencies and organizations that work to support the diverse population of parents and young children in Peel will be discussed, and the talk will conclude with future work and research directions.

Dana is currently the Research Manager at the Peel Children and Youth Initiative and an Adjunct Professor in the Department Geography at the University of Toronto. She completed her doctoral studies at McGill University, a post-doctoral fellowship at the Canadian Research Institute for Social Policy at the University of New Brunswick, and also holds degrees from McMaster University and the University of Waterloo. Dana is skilled in mixed methods and her research focuses on social determinants of youth development, health inequalities, neighbourhood contexts for health, crime prevention, settlement issues, and social policy development and evaluation. Dana will be joining the School of Rural and Northern Health at Laurentian University in August 2013.

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- HS Balmoral Street Centre**
- BL Bora Laskin Building
- BM Building Maintenance
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- CB William Tamblyn Centennial Building
- BS Bike Shelter
- FB Centre for Northern Forest Ecosystem Research
- GH Greenhouse
- HA Psychology/Visual Art Labs
- HC Centre of Excellence for Children Adolescents with Special Needs
- HF Psychology Research Lab
- LI Chancellor Paterson Library
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- MV Music & Visual Arts Centre
- NO 1294 Balmoral Building
- PH Power House
- RB Ryan Building
- RC Regional Centre
- SB Sanders Fieldhouse
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- SN School of Nursing Building
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