

7TH ANNUAL

MENTAL HEALTH LAW FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Do you have a clear understanding of the complex legal issues relating to children & youth mental health law? Do you know how to anticipate, prevent and manage them?

Engage with experts. Over one **comprehensive** day, you will gain **practical** and **up-to-date** information that you can put to work immediately following the program, including:

- The current state-of-affairs in children and youth mental health
- Coordination and collaboration amongst community mental health providers
- Understanding the prevalence of substance abuse amongst children and youth with mental health issues: what does it look like?
- Mental health and addictions in the school system

LUNCHEON KEYNOTE ADDRESS: YouthSpeak on “Substance Misuse”

Register today at:

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Date and Time

April 8, 2019
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. EDT
In Person and Webcast

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May 6, 2019

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1 Dundas St. West, 26th Floor
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Mental Health Law for Children and Youth

Legal rights and responsibilities in mental health law are complex and when the issues relate to children and youth, they are increasingly challenging.

This annual *OsgoodePD* program brings together legal, healthcare, mental health and education professionals for a comprehensive one-day update on the essential, current and emerging issues, together with practical legal advice on how to deal with them.

Topics Include

- What advocacy support is most appropriate?
- Emerging trends in mental health among children and youth
- What are your organization's obligations as children/youth transition through the system?
- Privacy, confidentiality and information sharing in the context of children and youth with mental health challenges

Don't miss the chance to engage with experts and walk away with the knowledge, tools, strategies and tactics that will help you anticipate, present and manage these complex legal issues.

Who Should Attend?

- School Administrators/Directors of Education/Supervisory Officers
- Mental health leads
- Teachers
- Health care risk managers
- Representatives from hospitals, psychiatric facilities and community care agencies
- Psychiatrists, physicians, nurses and other licensed medical professionals
- Lawyers in private practice specializing in health, criminal or education law
- Crown lawyers
- Government and public policy advisors
- Expert witnesses and mental health consultants
- Mental health patient advocates
- Social workers
- Health and social service professionals
- Law enforcement officers
- Corrections and rehabilitation service representatives

“Topical, timely and a good selection of well-informed presenters.”
Brian Jamieson, Senior Communications Officer, Ontario College of Teachers (2018)

“Very knowledgeable speakers who spoke about a variety of mental health legal issues.”
(2018 attendee)

Agenda

8:00 a.m.

Registration

8:30 a.m.

Welcome and Case Study Introduction from the Chairs

Michele M. Warner, Legal Counsel, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)

Dr. Sharon Pyke, Superintendent of Education, Greater Essex County District School Board

Kate Hunt, Legal Counsel, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)

To prepare you for the day's session, the program chairs will present a complex fact scenario that's designed to get you thinking about some of the key issues that will be discussed throughout the day, including:

- Mental health diagnosis & advocacy
- Transition planning between community partners
- Early identification & intervention
- The impact of concurrent disorders on children & youth

8:45 a.m.

A Clinical Overview

Alice Charach, MD, MSc, FRCPC, Medical Director, Child and Youth Acute Care Collaborative (CAYACC), Division of Child and Youth Psychiatry, Associate Professor, Psychiatry, University of Toronto

- The current state-of-affairs in children and youth mental health
- Emerging trends in mental health among children and youth
- Common psychiatric disorders in children and youth: who is getting treatment? Where?
- What are the challenges to mental health service delivery?
- Early identification and early intervention
- Lessons learned from parents, youth and service providers on the challenges between children/youth and adult mental health services

10:00 a.m.

Refreshment Break

10:15 a.m.

Understanding Mental Health Laws Relating to Children and Youth

Kate Hunt, Legal Counsel, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)

Key differences exist between children/youth and adult mental health laws. Having a thorough understanding of the legal regime governing this area and how it guides your work is critical.

This review of the legislative framework will give you an up-to-date foundation for what comes later in the conference. The intersecting legislation includes:

- *Health Care Consent Act*
- *Mental Health Act*
- *Personal Health Information Protection Act*
- *Child, Youth and Family Services Act*
- *Youth Criminal Justice Act*

11:15 a.m.

Understanding Mental Health Law in the School Setting

Shivani Chopra, Hicks Morley Hamilton Stewart Storie LLP

This session will focus on mental health laws applicable in a school setting including:

- A review of key pieces of legislation including:
 - *Education Act*
 - *Ontario Human Rights Code*
 - *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*
 - *Youth Criminal Justice Act*
 - *Occupational Health and Safety Act*
- Understanding intersecting duties including:
 - duty to accommodate students with disabilities
 - duty of care to provide a safe school
 - duty to protect individual privacy
- Understanding protocols and policies: steps for supporting mental health
- Parental consent for service
- IPRC: review of process
- Dealing with human rights complaints

12:15 p.m.

Luncheon and Keynote Address by

YouthSpeak on “Substance Misuse”

1:15 p.m.

Privacy, Confidentiality & Information Sharing in the Context of Children and Youth with Mental Health Challenges

Moderator:

Kate Hunt, Legal Counsel, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)

Panelists:

Dr. Sharon Pyke, Superintendent of Education, Greater Essex County District School Board

Mary Jane Dykeman, DDO Health Law

Mark Mycyk, Lead, Child Welfare Data Services, Ontario Association of Children’s Aid Societies

Alex Yeaman, MCA, RP (Master of Criminology, Registered Psychotherapist), Youth Mental Health Court Worker, Turning Point Youth Services

- Overview of relevant privacy laws
- New privacy framework for Ontario’s child and youth sector: impact on the collection, use and disclosure of and access to personal health information held by ministry-funded and licensed service providers
- Common issues in the sharing of information among health care providers and other organizations
- When can youth consent to the disclosure of their personal health information?
- What information can be shared with family members? With police? With school personnel?
- Common issues in the education context: what information can be shared among school personnel, with parents, with community service providers, etc..?
- Keeping the rights of the child top of mind: the balance between providing mental health services and ensuring effective outcomes, while respecting privacy

2:15 p.m.

Break

2:30 p.m.

Collaborative Approach to Mental Health and Addictions: Getting Students Back into the Classroom

Moderator:

Michele M. Warner, Legal Counsel, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)

Panelists:

Samira Ahmed, Staff Lawyer, Justice for Children and Youth

Caroline Thibault, Assistant Crown Attorney, Ministry of the Attorney General (Ottawa)

- The basics: what we know about mental health and addictions amongst children and youth
- The prevalence of substance abuse amongst children and youth with mental health issues
- What does it look like? What form does it take?
- The impact of addiction on children and youth in areas such as:
 - academic success
 - social relationships
 - legal status
 - physical health and well being
- What help is available to them?
- Addiction/substance abuse issues being seen in schools
- How are these challenges being addressed? What supports are available?
- Youth mental health courts: what are they and how are they different?

3:30 p.m.

Case Study: Bringing it all Together

Michele M. Warner, Legal Counsel, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)

Dr. Sharon Pyke, Superintendent of Education, Greater Essex County District School Board

Kate Hunt, Legal Counsel, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)

In this interactive afternoon session we will analyze the case study introduced at the beginning of the day, identify the issues that have been highlighted and discuss best strategies.

This group discussion will reinforce your understanding of the issues and provide you with best practices and tools you can put to work to address these issues immediately.

4:00 p.m.

Program Concludes

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