



The O'Brien Institute for Public Health &
the Department of Community Health Sciences present:

Policy Matters: Assessing the Continuum of Care for Youth with Disabilities and their Families

Speaker: Jennifer Zwicker

Friday, October 18, 2019 - 12:00 to 12:50 p.m.

Theatre One - Health Sciences Centre, 3330 Hospital Dr NW

Fragmentation of service delivery and a 'patchwork' of policy across jurisdictions is a reality for children with disabilities and their families. This negatively impacts health outcomes, family functioning and quality of life, and often leads to inappropriate and inefficient healthcare utilization. This presentation will discuss recent analysis assessing the disconnect between health and social service use.

Dr. Jennifer Zwicker is passionate about social policy and healthcare reform. She is the Director of Health Policy at the School of Public Policy and an assistant professor in the Faculty of Kinesiology, University of Calgary. She is a member of the Owerko Center in the Alberta Children's Hospital Research Institute and the O'Brien Institute of Public Health. With broad interests in the impact of health and social policy on health outcomes, Dr. Zwicker's recent research utilizes economic evaluation and policy analysis to assess interventions and inform policy around allocation of funding, services and supports for children and youth with developmental disabilities and their families. This work is supported by the Kids Brain Health Network, the Sinneave Family Foundation, PolicyWise and the CIHR funded Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research network on childhood disability called CHILD-BRIGHT.

Objectives:

1. Describe policy considerations relevant to children with disability and their families
2. Frame issues impacting persons with disability from a health policy perspective
3. Communicate broader impact on caregivers and families

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