

# BC Child Rights Symposium

*Event Program*

November 16th, 2018  
9:00am-4:30pm  
University of Victoria  
Cadboro Commons Building



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## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**8:30-9:00 Registration and light refreshments**

**9:00-9:35** Dr. Michael Prince: Moderator

Suzie Thomas, Member of Esquimalt Nation

Introducing the partners:

Dr. Ziba Vaghri, Director of GlobalChild

Ms. Cindy Trytten, Director, Research, Island Health

Dr. Jennifer Charlesworth, Representative for Children and Youth of BC

**9:35-9:45** Official launch of symposium by Hon. Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development

**9:45-9:55** Dr. Lisa Kalynchuk, Associate Vice President Research, UVic

**9:55-10:05** Dr. Bev Holmes, President & CEO, MSFHR: Supporting health researchers across BC

**10:05-10:45** Dr. Ziba Vaghri: Piloting the Early Childhood Rights Indicators in BC: What did we learn?

**10:45-11:00 Nutrition break**

**11:00-11:15** Ms. Adrienne Montani: Reducing child poverty in BC

**11:15-11:30** Ms. Laetitia Angbe: Human rights training for children and youth

**11:30-11:45** Ms. Tanja Suvilaasko: Significance of a comprehensive strategy for child protection

**11:45-12:30** Q&A session for speakers

**12:30-1:30 Lunch break**

**1:30-1:45** Moderator explains breakout sessions

**1:45-2:45** Small group discussions

**2:45-3:00 Nutrition break**

**3:00-4:00** Small groups return to main room and report on discussions in plenary

**4:00-4:30** Closing remarks and next steps

## SPEAKERS

### **Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister for Children and Family Development**



Minister Conroy has served as MLA since 2005 in the area of Kootenay West. She has worked and volunteered in her community as the executive director of Kootenay Family Place, instructor at Selkirk College; co-chair of the Castlegar and District Social Planning Council, treasurer of the Regional District of Central Kootenay Community Futures Board and founding board member of the Community Social Services Employers Association.

### **Dr. Lisa Kalynchuk, Associate Vice-President of Research, University of Victoria**



Lisa joined the University of Victoria on July 1, 2017, and holds an academic appointment with the Division of Medical Sciences. Her research focuses on the neurobiology of depression, the psychiatric complications of epilepsy, and the effect of chronic stress on the brain and behavior. Lisa brings to the role of AVPR her extensive administrative skills, varied experience building consensus across disciplines, and a strong commitment to leadership and excellence.

### **Dr. Bev Holmes, President and CEO, Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research**



As President & CEO of the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR), Bev is focused on the funding, production and uptake of health research and health care-related evidence in British Columbia (BC). Since joining MSFHR in 2010, Bev has supported the Foundation through a period of organizational redesign, established MSFHR as a leader in knowledge translation, and supported the launch of a new suite of funding programs focused on developing, retaining, and recruiting BC health research talent. An active member of the health research community, Bev's research interests include knowledge translation, discourse analysis, health communication, risk communication, and public involvement in health research.

## SPEAKERS

### **Dr. Ziba Vaghri, Principal Investigator and Director, GlobalChild**



Dr. Ziba Vaghri is a Michael Smith Scholar and an Assistant Professor at the School of Public Health and Social Policy at the University of Victoria. She is the Director of the large CIHR-funded project called GlobalChild: a rights-based approach to child health promotion. From 2014-2015, Ziba served as the Technical Officer for Early Child Development (ECD) at the World Health Organization. She has authored many articles and book chapters, including “The Manual of the Indicators of General Comment 7: Implementing Child Rights During the Early Years.” Ziba was mentored by and then collaborated for a decade with one of the fathers of ECD in Canada: the late Prof. Clyde Hertzman (OC). Early Childhood Rights Indicators (ECRI) is the outcome of that decade of work.

### **Cindy Trytten, Director, Research, Island Health**



Cindy Trytten has a diverse and lengthy career in health research leadership that spans both the public and private sectors over 30 years. As the Director of Research at Island Health, she works in a dynamic, complex environment she's responsible for leading change by developing capacity to enable research conduct and the integration of research into practice to improve the health, well-being and quality of life of residents of Vancouver Island and beyond. Developing strong relationships and effective coalitions with diverse groups including researchers, clinicians, decision and policy makers and people with lived experience and their families is a key part of her role. Cindy is Certified Health Executive and avid, lifelong learner.

### **Dr. Jennifer Charlesworth, Representative for Children and Youth of BC**



Dr. Jennifer Charlesworth is British Columbia's Representative for Children and Youth. Jennifer has worked in the B.C. social and health care sectors since 1977 in front-line child welfare, social policy, program management and executive roles. As part of her extensive background in service of children, Jennifer has taught child and youth care at the University of Victoria, has been the Executive Director of the Federation of Community Social Services of BC, and is the founder of the Leadership 2020 program for the Federation. She has also been involved with InWithForward, and, for the past two years, has been working with Chief Wedlidi Speck and others to inspire culturally safer workplaces. Jennifer has a PhD in Child and Youth Care from the University of Victoria, and an MBA from Oxford Brookes University in Oxford, England.

## SPEAKERS

### **Adrienne Montani, Provincial Coordinator, First Call BC**



Adrienne Montani joined First Call in 2000 and became the provincial coordinator in 2005. Prior to working with First Call, she served as child and youth advocate for the City of Vancouver, as chairperson of the Vancouver School Board, and as executive director of Surrey Delta Immigrant Services Society and of Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland. Adrienne has a long-standing interest in the issues of cross- cultural awareness and racism, women's rights and the impacts of social exclusion on children and youth in low-income families.

### **Laetitia Angba, Project Manager, Dr. Julien Foundation**



Laetitia has a double degree in law & international development from the University of Ottawa and is completing a graduate program in business administration. Working for the Dr Julien Foundation, she is responsible for the CLAN program (Children Link with Adults and Network program). Through training addressed to all members of the community, children have access to tools to become agents of change and influencers in their communities.

### **Tanja Suvilaasko, Director of Program Technical Quality, Plan International Canada**



Tanja Suvilaakso is the Director of Program Technical Quality at Plan International Canada. In her current role she looks at the integration of programming across sectors as she leads a multi-thematic team to address the complex realities of women and children including their protection, as well as supports policy and advocacy efforts in the sectors. Tanja is an experienced child rights and child protection expert, working with Plan for the past 8 years, and has held similar roles with UNICEF and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland.





## MODERATOR

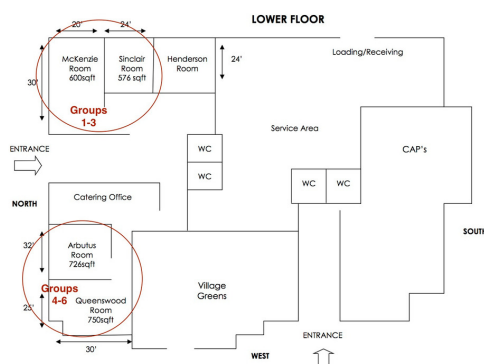
### Dr. Michael Prince, Lansdowne Professor of Social Policy



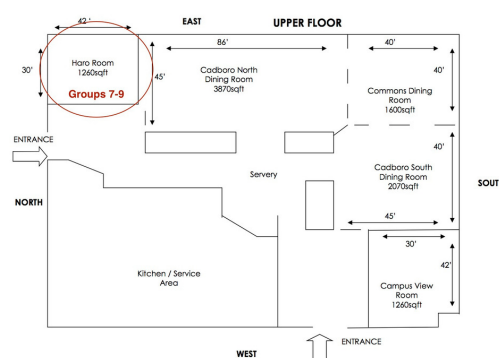
Dr. Michael Prince joined the University of Victoria in 1987 as the inaugural Lansdowne Professor of Social Policy in the Faculty of Human and Social Development. From 1997 to 2005, he served as associate dean and then as dean. He teaches courses in public policy and practice as well as activism and advocacy, and his current research interests include trends in Canadian social policy, federal-provincial relations, indigenous governance, and disability politics and policy issues. As an author, Michael has over 250 publications including books and chapters, scholarly articles, research reports, and articles and opinion editorials in newspapers and periodicals. As a consultant, Michael has been an advisor to various federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal government agencies; four royal commissions; and a number of parliamentary committees.

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Provincial strategy (Groups 1-3), McKenzie/Sinclair Room
2. Human rights education (Groups 4-6), Arbutus/Queenswood Room
3. Poverty as a predisposing factor to violence (Groups 7-9), Haro Room



Main Floor



Upper Floor

## COLLABORATORS

**GlobalChild**[www.globalchildnetwork.com](http://www.globalchildnetwork.com)

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