



POLICY-READY PAPERS: GIVING DECISION MAKERS THE PRACTICAL EVIDENCE THEY NEED



The Centre teams up with leading Ontario researchers to produce policy-ready papers that are directly relevant to child and youth mental health. Reports on youth violence, poverty, integration and school-based mental health are available now, as well as a summary of how aboriginal and western world views affect our perceptions of mental health issues.

Product

The Centre's policy-ready papers examine what we know about issues directly relevant to child and youth mental health and how that information can be used to make effective public policy decisions. Each paper is produced in partnership with one or more respected Ontario experts. There are currently six policy-ready papers available on the Centre's website:

- Linking poverty and mental health: A lifespan view (Lipman and Boyle, 2008)
- The roots of violence: Evidence from the literature with emphasis on child and youth mental health disorder (Leschied, 2008)
- Rooting mental health in an aboriginal world view: Inspired by Many Hands, One Dream (Blackstock, 2008)
- Getting our acts together: Interagency collaborations in child and youth mental health (Boydell, Bullock and Goering, 2009)
- Taking mental health to school: A policy-oriented paper on school-based mental health for Ontario (Santor, Short and Ferguson, 2009)
 - Scanning the practice landscape in school-based mental health (Companion paper)

Purpose

Building a case for strategic investment in the child and youth mental health system will require a strong and comprehensive review of evidence as it relates to correlate issues like poverty, violence and education. Policy-ready papers help decision makers respond to pressing issues in effective, timely and evidence-based ways. By partnering with Ontario's leading experts on child and youth mental health and related issues, the Centre is supporting decision makers in their efforts to implement wise policies that result in widespread benefits for children and youth.

Background

While policy-ready papers on poverty and youth violence were produced in response to requests by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, subsequent reports – including the ones on integration and school-based mental health – were proactively developed to address emerging concerns and opportunities in child and youth mental health. Additional papers will be considered and produced as provincial needs and information demands continue to evolve.

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