



Health Status and Service Use in Transition Age Youth with Developmental Disabilities



Virtual Town Hall

December 11, 2014 – 1:00 to 3:00 pm
(presented by videoconference and live Webcast)

Young people with developmental disabilities (DD) have a difficult time transitioning into adult health care services. For those who need mental health services, it can be especially tough. It is often challenging to navigate the health care system, and not receiving timely care can make problems worse. We know that youth with DD have higher rates of emergency room visits and psychiatric hospitalizations than youth without disabilities, but until now, we have been unable to look specifically at transition age youth – those 18 to 24 years of age who are transitioning into the adult system.

This interactive Town Hall will provide an opportunity to discuss new research about:

- Health service use patterns for individuals with DD across the years spanning their 14th birthday (before the transition into adult services) and their 24th (after the transition); and
- How transition age youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) differ in their health and service use compared to others without ASD

Town Hall Objectives:

- Present and discuss research findings
- Explore how findings fit with the experiences of participants in different regions
- Get input that can help shape recommendations
- Explore opportunities to share findings

Presenters

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Health Care Access Research and Developmental Disabilities (H-CARDD) is a research program that aims to enhance the overall health and wellbeing of individuals with developmental disabilities through improved health care policy and improved services. H-CARDD research is conducted by collaborative teams of scientists, policymakers, and health care providers.

Participation is free and all are welcome.

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<http://training.clhmidland.on.ca/surveys/index.php/357984/lang-en>

Participants are encouraged to connect by videoconference to allow for more opportunities for discussion. However, if you are unable to do so, you can also view the Town Hall via LIVE Webcast:

Go to <http://webcast.otn.ca/>, Private Events: login with username=cnsc1 and password=network1

For more information, or if you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Yasmin Munoz:
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