

# The Early Development Imperative

A Pan-Canadian Conference on Population  
Level Measurement of Children's Development

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"Over one quarter of Canada's children are behind in at least one aspect of their development at kindergarten entry"

Mark your calendars and join us in Winnipeg in November 2009 at a ground-breaking conference highlighting initiatives across the country to better understand and address inequities in our children's development.

There will be a mix of opportunities to hear of the latest research and community innovations from across the country, along with a chance for hands-on skill development in how to implement data collection and take actions for change in your local area. Keynote presentations, panels, workshops and seminars will be combined with informal networking, resource sharing and social events.

## SESSIONS TO INCLUDE

- > The state of children's development in Canada – A common analysis of early development results across the country.
- > A Celebration of Dan Offord, creator of the Early Development Instrument
- > A platform for action – Implementing effective cross-sectoral policies and programs
- > So what? How the data can be valuable to children, parents and communities
- > As children grow – The emerging middle development instrument
- > Tools for EDI knowledge translation
- > Understanding children's development in Aboriginal and multi-lingual communities

## WHO SHOULD COME

This is a conference that will be of interest to both those experienced with population level measurement and those who are just embarking on the process. It is for researchers, policy makers, community leaders, early childhood practitioners and educators. It is for anyone interested in understanding and improving the development of children in Canada.

Online registration and program details will be available mid-August at [www.councilecd.ca](http://www.councilecd.ca). More information from [jschroeder@councilecd.ca](mailto:jschroeder@councilecd.ca).

Early Bird registration will be available until Oct. 2, 2009. \$275 includes all conference and pre-conference sessions, meals and entertainment. Full registration fee, beginning Oct. 3, will be \$400.



## PRESENTERS TO INCLUDE:

**Dr. David Butler Jones**  
Chief Public Health Officer for Canada

**Dr. Clyde Hertzman**  
President  
Council for Early Child Development

**Dr. Magdalena Janus**  
Offord Centre for Child Studies

**Dr. Fraser Mustard**  
Founder  
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**Dr. Kimberly Schonert-Reichl**  
Faculty of Education  
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**Sally Brinkman**  
Senior Research Fellow  
Telethon Institute of Child Health Research  
(Australia)

**Dr. Paul Kershaw**  
Assistant Professor  
Human Early Learning Partnership

**Dr. Rob Santos**  
Scientific Director and Senior Policy  
Advisor  
Healthy Child Manitoba

**Dr. Jean Clinton**  
Child Psychiatrist  
Offord Centre for Child Studies

**Dr. Nazeem Muhajarine**  
Professor and Chair in Community  
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