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WELCOME NEW STAFF



We are pleased to welcome **Joanne Weninger, BSc, MBA** as the Executive Director of ACHRI and One Child Every Child (OCEC). Joanne spent the last 8 years as the Chief Operating Officer at the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation, collaborating with us to transform impacts through strategic research investments by the donor community. In her new role, she will support the strategic priorities of ACHRI, the implementation of OCEC and nurture all internal and external partnerships. Her work will focus on the success of all maternal and child health and wellness research across ACHRI, OCEC and beyond.



Please welcome Kenneth Okoye, MBA, who is the Training Program Manager for One Child Every Child. In his role he will be leading the training and education programs team. Kenneth has several years of experience in project management and program development in public health and business teams. He enjoys travelling and singing in his spare time.



We are so pleased to welcome Stephanie Hawes who has joined the ACHRI and OCEC teams as the Executive Administrator and will be supporting Francois Bernier and Joanne Weninger. Stephanie brings over 15 years of experience working in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and the Charbonneau Cancer Institute. She is the Co-Chair of the Foothills Campus Working Our Way to Wellness (WOWW) committee, and a fitness instructor in the Active in the Atrium program. Stephanie was born and raised in Calgary, and enjoys art and going on adventures with her son.

2023 DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS AWARDS



Congratulations to all the ACHRI winners:

- **Leadership Award:** Dr. Sarah Hall
- **Rising Star Award:** Dr. Sarah MacEachern
- **CARE Award - Educator:** Dr. Aleksandra Mineyko
- **CARE Award - Researcher:** Dr. Nicola Wright

- **CARE Award - Advocate:** Dr. Francois Bernier
- **CARE Award - Clinician:** Dr. Theresa Wu
- **Distinguished Career Award:** Dr. Jorge Pinzon

IN THE NEWS

- **One in three young people in Alberta vape, health ministry says,** Dr. Ian Mitchell
- **Using data to save more women,** Dr. Padma Kaul
- **Robotic walking increases mobility for kids,** Dr. Elizabeth Condliffe
- **Experts want to know why Black people are still facing inequity in health care,** Dr. Bukola Salami
- **Calgary researchers develop new tool to diagnose genetic mutations within hours,** Dr. Nicola Wright
- **New Report Raises Concerns About Long Covid in Children,** Dr. Stephen Freedman

PUBLICATIONS

- **Sex-Specific Associations between Prenatal Exposure to Di(2-ethylhexyl) Phthalate, Epigenetic Age Acceleration, and Susceptibility to Early Childhood Upper Respiratory Infections,** Drs. Nicole Letourneau, Gerry Giesbrecht, Deborah Dewey, Gillian England-Mason and The Apron Study Team
- **Long-term impact of early life stress on serotonin connectivity,** Dr. Derya Sargin

MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH 4 KIDS RESEARCH REGISTRY



The Research Registry connects young people and families with child and adolescent mental health research studies that they might be interested in.

[Learn more](#)

ONE CHILD EVERY CHILD NEWS

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One Child Every Child is on **Instagram** and **Linkedin**! Learn more about the work of our researchers, themes and accelerators. If a post resonates, please consider sharing it.

PATHWAYS TO HEALING CIRCLES

Join the Indigenous, Local and Global Health Office to learn more about the Pathways to Healing initiative, discuss projects and ideas pertaining to Indigenous health, education, and healing, and build meaningful relationships with others working in these areas.

- **Thursday, February 29, 2024; 12 - 1 pm**
- **Thursday, March 14, 2024; 12 - 1 pm**
- **Thursday, March 28, 2024; 12 - 1 pm**
- **Thursday, April 11, 2024; 12 - 1 pm**
- **Thursday, May 09, 2024; 12 - 1 pm**
- **Thursday, May 23, 2024; 12 - 1 pm**
- **Thursday, June 06, 2024; 12 - 1 pm**
- **Thursday, June 20, 2024; 12 - 1 pm**

BASECAMP VIDEOS AND REGISTRATION

Watch these short videos to learn how to use Basecamp, our online collaboration platform for One Child Every Child:

- **Basecamp 101**
- **Basecamp Notifications**

Filling in this webform allows you to join our Basecamp network. Building something this big takes time, and we are grateful for your input.

If you identify as an Indigenous researcher, please connect with latasha.calfrobe@ucalgary.ca

TRAINEES & POSTDOCS

EVENTS

ACHRITA Professional Development Seminar
*Linking early adversity and genetic factors to the risk
for psychopathology in early childhood*

Dr. Daphne Vrantsidis
ACH Conference Room 4
Monday, February 12, 2024: 1 - 2 pm

Journal clubs are engaging platforms where trainees come together to explore and discuss the latest research and developments in child and maternal health.

Research-In-Progress seminars are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month. These alternate between the Health Sciences Centre and Alberta Children's Hospital.

Contact ACHRITA@ucalgary.ca or visit [webpage](#).

FUNDING

Molly Towell Perinatal Research Foundation Applications

Letters of Reference: Monday, March 18, 2024 at 5 pm ET

TRAINEE REGISTRATION

ACHRI supervisors: Please encourage your trainees to [register](#) to receive the newsletter, updates and access to funding and workshops.

[View trainee awards and competitions](#)

Questions? Email Julia Klenin-MacLock (jklenin@ucalgary.ca)

RESEARCHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

2024 Azrieli Accelerator Catalyst Grant Competition

“The Azrieli Accelerator Catalyst Grant is hands-down the only way we can answer our scientific question,” says Dr. Marie-Claire Arrieta. [Read story](#)

Applications are open to researchers from across UCalgary with projects in fields of neurodevelopment and neurodevelopmental conditions research. The Azrieli Accelerator supports all pillars of research – from foundational/basic science and clinical research projects to those focused on social and population health and the experience of people living with neurodevelopmental conditions. Proposals that target research questions from any developmental period – from pre-natal to childhood to older adulthood – are welcome.

At least six grants, up to \$50,000 each, will be awarded.

Full application deadline: Monday, March 11, 2024

[More information](#)

Canadian Cancer Society Data Transformation Grants

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, February 21, 2024

RSO Deadline for Full Application: Friday, April 19, 2024 at noon

Questions? Contact [Stephanie Patrick](#)

Travel Award – CIHR-IGH 2024 Summer Institute in Sex and Gender+ Science

Application Deadline: Friday, March 1, 2024

Questions? Email IGH-ISFH@cihr-irsc.gc.ca

SPARK Alberta Funding

Virtual Information Session: Wednesday, February 28, 2024: 12 - 1 pm

Application Deadline: Sunday, March 3, 2024

Questions? Email spark@ucalgary.ca

The Canada Foundation for Innovation 2025 Innovation Fund

iNOIs deadline: Monday, March 4, 2024 at noon

Questions? Email ipd@ucalgary.ca

Society of Rural Physicians of Canada: National Advanced Skills and Training Program for Rural Practice

Training Deadline: Friday, March 15, 2024

Canadian Cancer Society/ Lotte and John Hecht Memorial Foundation Disruptive Innovation Grants in Cancer Research

RSO Internal Deadline LOI phase: Monday, March 18, 2024 at noon

RSO Internal Deadline Full Application: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at noon

Questions? Contact [Stephanie Patrick](#)

CSM Indigenous Local and Global Health Office Pathways to Healing Grants

Applications are accepted on an on-going basis

Questions? Email path2healing@ucalgary.ca

EVENTS AND SEMINARS

CAMCCO-L Webinar

The Canadian Mother-Child Initiative on Drug Safety in Pregnancy (CAMCCO)

Dr. Anick Berard

Tuesday, February 13, 2024: 10 - 11 am

[Register](#)

Hybrid Paediatric Grand Rounds

College of Physician and Surgeons of Alberta – Physician Practice Improvement Program

Dr. Danielle Michaels

Wednesday, February 14, 2024: 8:30 - 9:30 am

[Register](#)

Canadian Rare Disease Ecosystem Symposium:

Genetic Therapies for Rare Diseases

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 11 am

[Register by Wednesday, February 14 at 9 am](#)

Alberta SPOR Support Unit's Patient Engagement Journal Club

Patient perceptions of in-hospital laboratory blood testing:

A patient-oriented and patient co-designed qualitative study

Anna Rychtera & Veronika Kiryanova

Wednesday, February 21, 2024: 10 - 11 am

[Register](#)

Children's Healthcare Canada, in collaboration with the IWK Health Centre

Child Health Equity: A System-Focused Series

Delivering Equity in all Child Healthcare Services: Thursday, March 7: 10 am - 1 pm

Inclusive Child Health Research for Equitable Outcomes: Thursday, March 21: 10 am - 1 pm

Evidence-informed Policy: Advancing health equity for all children: Thursday, March 28: 10 am - 1 pm



Save the date

You're invited to the Children's Healthcare Canada's Annual Conference at the St. John's Convention Centre in Newfoundland from October 20-22, 2024!

[Learn more](#)

For all events visit the [ACHRI calendar](#).

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