

## Specialized Services for Children and Youth invites you to join us for **Breakfast at SSCY**, our monthly learning series!

### **Topic: Sensory Processing, Motor and Language Skills in Preschoolers with Prenatal Alcohol Exposure (PAE)**

The Canadian FASD Diagnostic Guidelines (Cook et al 2015) describes the assessments recommended for individuals with prenatal alcohol exposure (PAE) in various age groups. While a diagnostic team is recommended for infants and preschoolers, there are recognized challenges in the diagnostic assessment in the current guidelines. The interpretation of brain domains constituting global impairment in preschoolers is not well described in the literature and there has been broad clinical reluctance to consider the interpretation of clinical assessments as definitively diagnostic in this age group. Over 15 years of multidisciplinary data of infant and preschool data has been analyzed to describe observed patterns and make recommendations for preschool diagnostic guidelines. This presentation will focus on the Occupational Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology assessments contributing to the preschooler assessment (3 years – 5 years 11 months) for FASD.

### **In this session you will learn:**

- Briefly review criteria for FASD diagnosis as per the Canadian Diagnostic Guidelines
- Literature review supporting the need for sensory and language assessments
- Illustrate the clinical significance for the inclusion of assessing sensory processing skills in preschoolers
- Review the combined clinical significance of the sensory, motor and language assessments for children with PAE
- Discuss how our findings can enhance the Canadian Diagnostic Guidelines recommendations for FASD diagnosis in preschoolers

**Presented by:** Kellsey Scheepers, Occupational Therapist & Shelley Proven, Speech-Language Pathologist

**When:** 8:00 – 9:00 am, Tuesday, March 10, 2020

**Where:** Northern Lights Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of SSCY Centre, 1155 Notre Dame Ave

**Parking:** The SSCY Centre parking lot has paid visitor parking, and street parking may be available

**Webinar:** The session is available as a webinar; visit our website to register and watch live or to watch the recording: <http://sscy.ca/about-sscy/breakfast-at-sscy/>

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**April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020: Knowledge Translation in Clinical Practice**

Everyone is welcome to attend, and there is no need to register to watch in person