Knowledge Exchange Webinar: Our Collaborative Granting Approach

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a partnership:

Child/Youth e-Mental Health Impact Grant

Subvention pour les nouvelles technologies en santé mentale pour enfants et jeunes

3 grants @ $100,000

application process currently open;
grants to be awarded in June 2020
Who We Are

We are a national charity dedicated to improving the lives of Canadians living with mental illness, their families and caregivers, by advancing impact-focused mental health knowledge and research.

What We Do

- We listen to stakeholders
- We collaborate with partners
- We fill knowledge gaps and avoid duplication

Collaborative Granting Process

- like minded partner
- focus on impact/viability
- our predecessor org used a peer review process; we use broad based

Project Advisory Teams:
  - partner org/people with lived experience/research expertise/innovators/service providers
Examples of Our Work:

**Workplace Mental Health Initiative:**
- WorkplaceMH.ca (knowledge sharing: resources)
- Stakeholder engagement sessions in various provinces (NL/Lab: March 26)
- April 15th – Workplace MH Day

**Funding Global Research:**
- Co-funding Canada’s work in a global study on mental health research

**Recently funded projects ($50K each):**
- Harry Potter: Prison of Azkaban - Teaching coping mechanisms to schoolers through literature
- BOOST therapy for reducing suicidal thoughts and behaviors in early psychosis

**Currently open for applications:**
- (3 grants of $100K each: child and youth mental health digital and e-solutions)
MISSION
We drive high-quality mental health service delivery for Ontario’s children, youth and families by mobilizing knowledge and setting the bar for excellence.

VISION
The best mental health and well-being for every child, youth and family.

VALUES
Accountable • Authentic • Collaborative • Inclusive • Innovative • Passionate • Strategic
STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS 2019-21

Mobilize knowledge

Improve quality

AGE RANGES

Early years
Birth to ~6 years

Middle years
-7-11 years

Teen years
-12-18 years

Transition age
-19-25 years

FOCUS AREAS

Primary care/care pathways

Youth and family engagement

Digital/e-mental health

System initiatives

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Call for Proposals closes April 5th

The identified research challenge:

Explore the use of technology to enhance or support mental health for Ontario’s children, youth and families

✓ Applications will be accepted in both official languages;
✓ Can be out of province but seeking to impact Ontario via partnership with Ontario agency
✓ Team application: out of province representation welcomed and encouraged
Who can apply for the grants:

The **co-principal investigators** must be landed immigrants/Canadian citizens and include:

- A researcher/academic OR an innovator who leads the development of digital/e-mental health solutions **AND**
- A leader or member of one of **Ontario’s lead or core service providing agencies** *(those which receive funding from the Ministry of Health for children’s mental health programming)*

In addition, the **team** must include **ALL** of the following:

- A **child, youth and/or family member** who has received services from these community-based agencies
- A **researcher/academic** (if not already represented as a co-principal investigator).
Project Advisory Group

• Engaged in advising the entire process from pre-call for proposals including assessment process and tools
• Composition reflects broad perspectives: research, youth, people with lived experience; service delivery
• Evaluating proposals on their relevance, merit, and potential for impact

Members
• John Trainor, University of Toronto; MHRC
• Colleen McDowell, IBM Canada
• Mandi Newton, University of Alberta
• Alan Lesched, Western University
• Brett Recollet, The Centre Youth Advisory
• Teri Thomas-Vanos, Chatham-Kent Children’s Services
• Natalie Markoff, Parents’ Lifeline of Eastern Ontario
Timeline
development work: fall 2019
proposal call screened by Project Advisory Group
12 – 18month projects

- **28 Jan**
  - Call for Proposals Opened

- **20 Mar**
  - Advisory Group members receive Review Guidelines as pre-read material.

- **5 Apr**
  - Closing of Call for Proposals.

- **9 Apr**
  - Advisory Group members receive applications.

- **27 Apr**
  - All reviews and scores to be submitted on this date by Advisory Group.

- **1 May**
  - In person meeting of Advisory Group. Assessment and review of all applications.

- **8 June**
  - Deadline to receive clarification based on feedback letters.

- **15 June**
  - Feedback sent to finalists and all other applicants.

- **19 June**
  - Potentially June 19 – Award finalists and final funds distributed.
Vetting of Process/Call for Proposals and Evaluation of Proposals

• Group review and conference calls for discussion
• Weighted categories to assess and evaluate proposals
• Extensive questions to guide scoring under each of the following categories:

CRITERIA

• Relevance/Need 20%
• Merit of the Proposed Solution 50%
• Potential for Impact 30%
Thank you for the opportunity to share!

Questions/discussion...

if interested in partnering with ON agency on grant application, contact:

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