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Present the:

School of Social Work Summer Institute
2013
Youth Transitions

Vancouver, British Columbia
Canada

Working Sessions: July 8-12, 2013
Field visits: July 15-19, 2013

Programme

Overview

The transition into adulthood for most young people has in many ways become longer and more complex than it was even 20 years ago. In the last century the markers of transition were fairly clear for at least 'mainstream' youth. Young people finished their schooling and generally moved quickly into employment, marriage and independence. While this 'model' rarely held true for young people with unique or special needs it was seen by many as the norm to which all youth should strive towards regardless of their specific circumstances. While social policy, practice and popular expectations are still largely driven by this view of transition this traditional view of a short and relatively simple passage into adulthood is largely obsolete. Indeed, in many countries the transition from adolescence to independent adulthood has become so lengthy that it is now being seen by many as a whole new developmental stage. Unfortunately, much of the attention on the shifting nature of transitioning remains on 'mainstream' youth. Young people who are considered outside of the norm continue to be under-acknowledged and underserved.

In order to better understand and respond to the needs of these young people the School of Social Work at the University of British Columbia in conjunction with a number of academic partners including HES-So in Switzerland and Shandong University in China are hosting a forum in the summer of 2013 on the transition of young people with special considerations into adulthood. The Chinese University of Hong Kong and Griffith University in Australia are also sending students and/or faculty. The goal of the forum is to bring together academics, students, policy makers and practitioners from a number of countries, disciplines and service systems to promote discussion on how to best serve these young people as they make the often difficult transition into independence and adulthood. One of the desired outcomes of the forum will be the generation of policy, practice and research recommendations with regard to specific unique needs youth populations.

There will be four theme areas that will be discussed during the forum: 1) young people transitioning out of state care, 2) young people transitioning between the pediatric and adult health care systems 3) young people with disabilities transitioning from the child to adult system and 4) immigrant youth transitioning into their new communities and then into adulthood. There will be discussion of the overlap of some young people in these transition processes as well as sub-themes such as mental health that will also be explored.

The forum will involve five days of lectures, panels and concurrent sessions as well as small and large group discussions on the needs of specific youth populations. The forum will be highly interactive. The presentations will be provided by selected forum participants.

Day one of the forum will involve a series of short lectures and discussions involving the collective group on foundational knowledge about transitions into adulthood. Particular attention will be paid to what supports we know are needed to successfully make the transition to adulthood. The second day will involve presentations to the large group on each of the four theme areas.

Day three and four will be devoted to lectures and discussions on various issues young people regarding youth transitions. Day five will involve specific small group discussions about each of the theme areas. People will self-select a particular theme in which they are interested and within this group will examine what is known and what is needed on micro practice and macro policy levels. Each of these 'working groups' will produce a working document on recommendations regarding practice, policy and research aspects of their respective topic area. Participants will have the opportunity to take part discussions regarding each topic area. The day will conclude with a large group discussion on the similarities and differences between the experiences and a presentation on using youth engagement strategies to identify the needs of young people. A final document will be produced with the collective recommendations from participants.

Description

Monday July 8, 2013

Morning Session

Buchanan A 102

9:00-9:10	Welcoming Remarks	Dr. Tim Stainton Professor and Director School of Social Work and Director, Centre for Citizenship and Inclusion University of British Columbia Vancouver, British Columbia
		Dr. Marc-Antoine Berthod Professor Department of Social Work University of Applied Sciences and Art Western Switzerland Lausanne, Switzerland

9:10-9:30	Opening Address	Dr. Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond British Columbia Representative for Children and Youth Victoria, British Columbia
9:30-10:30	Lecture 1	<i>“What do we know about healthy transitions?”</i> Dr. Sheila Marshal Associate Professor School of Social Work and Affiliated Associate Professor Division of Adolescent Health and Medicine University of British Columbia Vancouver, British Columbia
10:30-11:00	Coffee	
11:00-12:00	Lecture 2	<i>Results of the British Columbia Adolescent Health Survey: struggles and challenges</i> Dr. Elizabeth Saewyc CIHR/PHAC Chair in Applied Public Health Research and Associate Director, Research & Teaching Scholarship and Professor, School of Nursing & Division of Adolescent Health and Medicine and Director, Stigma and Resilience Among Vulnerable Youth Centre University of British Columbia Vancouver, British Columbia
12:00-1:00	Lunch	
Afternoon Session		
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1:00-2:15	Lecture 3	<i>Trauma-informed practice with youth in transition</i> Natalie Clark Senior Instructor School of Social Work University of British Columbia

Vancouver, British Columbia

2:00-2:15 Coffee

2:15-3:30 **Lecture 4**

Public policy gaps

Jeremy Berland
Deputy Representative (retired)
British Columbia Representative for Children and
Youth
Victoria, British Columbia

3:30-4:30

Large group discussion: Youth transitions

Tuesday July 9, 2013

Morning Session

Buchanan A 102

9:00-10:15 **Panel 1**

*Transitions: Moving from the Pediatric to the Adult
Health Care System for Young People with Chronic
or Life Threatening Health Conditions*

Moderator

Dr. Stephanie Bryson
Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, British Columbia

Panelists

Dr. Sandy Whitehouse
Clinical Investigator, CFRI
Clinical Associate Professor, Division of
Adolescent Medicine, Department of Pediatrics,
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, British Columbia

Dr. Steve Mathias
Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist
Medical Manager
Inner City Youth Mental Health Program
Vancouver, British Columbia

Jocelyn Tomkinson
Patient Advocate
Vancouver, British Columbia

Josh Myers
Clinical Team Leader
Community Brain Injury Programme for Children
and Youth
BC Centre for Ability
Vancouver, British Columbia

10:15-10:45 Coffee

10:45-12:00 **Panel 2** *Transitions: Young People in State Care*

Moderator

Dr. Grant Charles
Associate Professor
School of Social Work and
Affiliated Associate Professor Division of
Adolescent Health and Medicine
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, British Columbia

Panelists

Dr. Stephen Brown
Deputy Minister
British Columbia Ministry of Children and Family
Development
Victoria, British Columbia

Dr. Peter Voll
Professor and Head,
Institute of Health & Social Work
University of Applied Sciences and Art
Western Switzerland
Valais, Switzerland

Sam Pothier
Program Manager
Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks
Vancouver, British Columbia

12:00-1:00 Lunch

Afternoon Session

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1:00-2:15 **Panel 3** *Transitions: Young People with Cognitive and*

Physical Disabilities

Moderator Dr. Tim Stainton
Professor and Director
School of Social Work and
Director, Centre for Citizenship and Inclusion
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, British Columbia

Panelists Mary Erb
Social Worker
Complex Developmental Behavioural Program
Sunny Hill Health Centre
Vancouver, British Columbia

Dr. Geneviève Piérart
Professor
Department of Social Work
University of Applied Sciences and Art
Western Switzerland
Fribourg, Switzerland

Tamara Kulusic
Manager of Policy and Program Development
Community Living BC
Burnaby, British Columbia

2:15-2:45 Coffee

2:45-4:30 **Panel 4** *Transitions: Immigrant Youth into New
Communities and into Adulthood*

Moderator Dr. Miu Yan
Associate Professor
School of Social Work
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, British Columbia

Panelists Dr. Claudio Bolzman
Professor
Department of Social Work
University of Applied Sciences and Arts
Western Switzerland
Geneva, Switzerland

Kate Hodgson
Executive Director
Network of Inner City Community Services
Vancouver, British Columbia

Jenny Francis
Department of Geography
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, British Columbia

Wednesday July 10, 2013

Morning Session

Buchanan A Building

9:00- 10:30 **Concurrent Sessions 1**

Session A
Buchanan A102

Arden Duncan Bonokoski
Steps Forward
Burnaby, British Columbia

*Steps Forward: an inclusive post-secondary
education project for young people with
developmental disabilities*

Paula Grant
Manager
British Columbia Ministry of Social Development
Vancouver, British Columbia

Recent inter-ministerial transition initiatives

Tamara Kulusic
Manager
Community Living British Columbia
Burnaby, British Columbia

Moving between systems

Session B
Buchanan A104

Dr. Peter Voll
Professor and Head
Institute of Health & Social Work
University of Applied Sciences and Art
Western Switzerland
Valais, Switzerland

From child protection to adult support - individual transition and institutional transfer

Michelle Wywrot
Lead,
Youth Services/Post Majority Services Project
Ministry of Children and Family Development
Campbell River, British Columbia

The development of transitional programmes and policies

Dr. Laurence Ossipow
Professor
Department of Social Work
University of Applied Sciences and Art of
Western Switzerland
Geneva

Moving into adulthood: an anthropological approach of juvenile facilities

10:30-10:45 Coffee

10:45-12:15 **Concurrent Sessions 2**

Session A
Buchanan A102

Gerhard Maynard
Executive Director
KidSafe
Vancouver, British Columbia

Leadership training for youth at risk: beginning the transition process early

Chelsea Papish
Manager of the Rights of Passage Program

Covenant House
Vancouver, British Columbia

Transition supports for high-risk youth

Stephanie Martin
Community Engagement and Communications
Manager
McCreary Centre Society
Vancouver, British Columbia

*Listening to Vulnerable Youth: Transitioning to
adulthood in British Columbia*

Session B
Buchanan A104

Maria Fernand
Moving Ahead Program
Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia
Vancouver, British Columbia

Settlement services for immigrant youth

Mustafa Delsoz
Youth Outreach Case Manager
Moving Ahead Program
MOSIAC
Vancouver, British Columbia

Settling and integrating processes for youth

Jessica Moerman,
Team leader
Youth Programs
South Vancouver Neighbourhood House
Vancouver, British Columbia

Neighbourhood houses in British Columbia

12:15-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:30 **Concurrent Sessions I**

Session A
Buchanan A102

Jules Wilson
Executive Director
Federation of British Columbia Youth in Care
Networks
Vancouver, British Columbia

Youth in care

Dr. Jennifer Charlesworth
British Columbia Federation of Community Social
Services
Victoria, British Columbia

*Youth engagement and transitions: helping young
people make informed decisions*

Dr. Colleen Poon
Research Associate
McCreary Centre Society
Vancouver, British Columbia

Promoting participation: youth voices

Session B
Buchanan A104

Dr. Tim Stainton
Professor and Director
School of Social Work and
Director, Centre for Citizenship and Inclusion
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, British Columbia

*Transitional issues for families with young people
with disabilities*

Meaghan Feduck,
Project Coordinator
Centre for Citizenship and Inclusion
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, British Columbia

*Citizenship and inclusion of people with cognitive
disabilities*

Carly Schneider
Youth Transition Coordinator
Centre for Ability
Vancouver, British Columbia

Helping families help their young people make transitions

2:30-3:00 Coffee

3:00-4:30 **Concurrent Sessions 2**

Session A
Buchanan A102

Si Stainton
Delta Community Living Society
Delta, British Columbia

Transitional needs of parents of young people with disabilities

Dr. Geneviève Piérart
Professor
Department of Social Work
University of Applied Sciences and Art
Western Switzerland
Fribourg, Switzerland

The challenges of transitions into adulthood of young disabled people

Karen Delong
Director of Community Development
Inclusion BC
New Westminster, British Columbia

Policy gaps for services for young people with disabilities

Session B
Buchanan A104

Dr. Claudio Bolzman
Professor,

Department of Social Work
University of Applied Sciences and Arts
Western Switzerland
Geneva, Switzerland

*From youth to adulthood: second generational
immigrant's incorporation into Swiss society*

Dr. Miu Yan
Associate Professor
School of Social Work
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, British Columbia

*Moving into adulthood: Cultural fluency for
immigrant youth*

Dr. Robert Sweet
Professor Emeritus, Lakehead University
Port Moody, British Columbia

Thursday July 11, 2013

Morning Session
Buchanan A 102

9:00- 10:30 **Session A**

Dr. Robert Lees
Senior Policy Analyst
British Columbia Ministry of Children and Family
Development
Abbotsford, British Columbia

*Transition needs of children of parents with mental
illness*

Kim Skinner
Executive Director
The F.O.R.C.E.
North Vancouver, British Columbia

*Transitional needs of young people with mental
illness: supports to families and young people*

Dr. Grant Charles

Associate Professor
School of Social Work
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, British Columbia

Young caregivers: their needs and dreams

10:30- 10:45 Coffee

10:45- 12:15 **Session B**

Dr. Richard Young
Professor
Counselling Psychology
Faculty of Education
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, British Columbia

Career development for young people in transition

Dr. Dunya Acklin and Professor Caroline Reynaud
Professors
Department of Social Work
University of Applied Sciences and Art
Western Switzerland
Fribourg, Switzerland

*Young adults and public social assistance:
comparing policy making in French-speaking
Switzerland*

Dr. Sheila Marshal
Associate Professor
School of Social Work and
Affiliated Associate Professor
Division of Adolescent Health and Medicine
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, British Columbia

Transitions

12:15-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:30 **Session C**

Carolyn Oliver
School of Social Work
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Vancouver, British Columbia

Moral distress: paying the price as helpers in a system with insufficient resources

Carla Alexander
Faculty of Child, Family and Community Studies
Douglas College
New Westminster, British Columbia

Caring, mutuality and reciprocity in social worker-client relationships: Rethinking principles of practice with young people in transition

Professor Yuri Tironi
Professor
Department of Social Work
University of Applied Sciences and Art
Western Switzerland
Lausanne, Switzerland

Using youth participation to develop young people's citizenship?

2:30-3:00 Coffee

3:00-4:30 **Session D**

Dr. Dolores Angela Castelli Dransart
Professor
Department of Social Work
University of Applied Sciences and Art
Western Switzerland
Fribourg, Switzerland

Understanding and supporting young people who have lost a parent or a sibling to suicide

Dr. Stephanie Bryson
Assistant Professor
School of Social Work

University of British Columbia
Vancouver, British Columbia

System responses to youth in crisis

Dr Julie Clark
Lecturer
School of Human Services and Social Work
Griffith University
Brisbane, Australia

Young people in transitional crisis

Friday July 12, 2013

Morning Session

Jack Bell Building

9:00-12:00 **Concurrent Theme Sessions** (with a coffee break)

Working Group A	<i>Transitions from state care</i>
Working Group B	<i>Transitions in the health care system</i>
Working Group C	<i>Transitions of young people with cognitive and physical disabilities</i>
Working Group D	<i>Transitions of immigrant youth</i>

12:00-1:00 Lunch

Afternoon Session

Buchanan A 102

1:00-2:00 Youth Engagement Perspectives

2:00-3:00 Reports from the Working Groups

3:00-3:15 Concluding Remarks

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