

2022 SOCIAL POLICY FORUM

THE FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES OF BC

For the past six years, The Federation's annual Social Policy Forum has focused on bringing together people from across BC's social care sector to learn, explore, and design ways of creating a stronger and more sustainable social services sector.

The 2022 Federation Social Policy Forum will continue this commitment but focus on one specific area of work that has and will continue to demand our attention, dedication, and creativity over the coming years: Child and Youth Mental Health.

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FACILITATOR: TA7TALÍYA PAISLEY EVA NAHANE

Ta7talíya Paisley Eva Nahanee hails from the Skwxwú7mesh Nation village of Eslha7an and is based in what is colonially known as "Vancouver."

She currently lends her facilitation skills to Decolonizing Practices, Mítel'nexw Leadership Society and The Fireweed Fellowship. She is also part of the duo behind MST Futurism, a project which focuses on uplifting and celebrating Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh visions for the future.

She also works as DJ and believes in decolonizing every aspect of life including the music industry. She's currently throws innovative and inclusive parties on Zoom featuring BIPOC DJs and performers. As well as working on opening a fully equipped DJ studio called Cue Club which will offer low barrier and by-donation access to sound equipment as well as weekly DJ lessons for BIPOC, LGBTQ2S+ and disabled folks. Her work is based in Skwxwú7mesh teachings and all about sharing equity with marginalized bodies.

PRESENTATIONS: DR. JENNIFER CHARLESWORTH

Dr. Jennifer Charlesworth lives with gratitude on the ancestral and unceded lands of the WSÁNEĆ people. She has been British Columbia's Representative for Children and Youth since 2018.

Jennifer found her calling in child and youth care in 1977 after a life-changing conversation with Dr. Penny Parry. She has worked in the social and health care sectors in a wide array of roles since then but has always been drawn back into work that supports child, youth and family well-being. As a former Executive Director of the Federation of Community Social Services, she has a particular fondness for the community social services sector and is grateful for all she has learned from its members which helps her in her role as Representative.

As a result of deep engagement, data reported to the Office, and investigative findings, Jennifer has identified key priority areas for the Office for the next two years. These include reducing the over-involvement of the child welfare system in the lives of First Nations, Métis and Inuit families and supporting the resumption of child welfare jurisdiction by communities; child and youth mental health and substance use; children and youth with support needs; young people transitioning to adulthood; and early supports to keep families safely together.

Jennifer has a PhD in Child and Youth Care from the University of Victoria, and an MBA from Oxford Brookes University in Oxford, England. Most importantly though, she is the parent of two amazing young adults who have happily found their way into social justice work and continue to help her be a better human.

Jennifer will be joined by a team from the Office of the Representative for Children and Youth including:

- **SAMANTHA COCKER**, Deputy Representative
- **PIPPA ROWCLIFFE**, Deputy Representative
- **JENNIFER DREYER**, Executive Director, Systemic Advocacy and First Nations, Métis and Inuit Research

AGENDA



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8:30–9:00 Zoom Doors Open / Online Coffee & Tea

9:00–9:30 Welcome and Facilitator Introductions

9:30–9:40 Opening Activity: *Grounding Our Intentions*

9:40–10:40 Representative for Children and Youth:
Taking Action Now: Supporting Positive Mental Health for our Children and Youth

10:40–10:55 Wellness Break

10:55–12:25 Facilitated Discussion (Breakout Rooms with Questions and Prompts)

12:25–12:35 Pre-Lunch Game: Guess That Song!

12:35–1:25 Lunch Break

1:25–1:55 Representative for Children and Youth:
Reflecting back, Moving Forward: Considerations for Transformative Change

1:55–2:45 Facilitated Discussion (Breakout Rooms with Questions and Prompts)

2:45–3:00 Wellbeing Break

3:00–3:50 Facilitated Discussion (Breakout Rooms with Questions and Prompts)

3:50–4:00 Closing