CHILD & ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY/PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM
BC CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL
ACADEMIC LECTURE SERIES

Lecture Title:
Children’s Mental Health Policy

Learning Objectives:
- To provide an overview of current children’s mental health policy problems including high disorder prevalence and acute shortfalls in funding, prevention and treatment
- To describe a public health approach to children’s mental health
- To outline policy opportunities for addressing the problems

Speaker:
Charlotte Waddell, MSc, MD, CCFP, FRCPC - Charlotte is a child and adolescent psychiatrist with longstanding interests in health policy and population and public health. She holds the Canada Research Chair in Children’s Health Policy and is Professor in the Faculty of Health Sciences at Simon Fraser University (SFU), where she is also Director of the Children’s Health Policy Centre. After her basic training at UBC, Charlotte worked with First Nations communities across BC before going on to complete her MD followed by residencies and research training at McMaster University. She held faculty appointments at McMaster and UBC before joining SFU in 2006. Charlotte’s research focuses on improving social and emotional wellbeing for all children, and on the public policies needed to reach this goal. With academic and policy partners, she co-leads the BC Healthy Connections Project – a randomized controlled trial assessing the effectiveness of the Nurse-Family Partnership program, which aims to improve child mental health and developmental outcomes starting very early in the lifespan. She also leads the Children’s Mental Health Research Quarterly project – an ongoing series of systematic reviews on effective prevention and treatment interventions for children, aimed at informing policy and practice. In addition to her research, Charlotte teaches at SFU and consults with policymakers at the regional, provincial and federal levels. She also continues to work as a psychiatrist with young people involved in the child welfare and youth justice systems. These young people inspire and inform every aspect of her research and teaching. Please see childhealthpolicy.ca for more information.

The presentation will be video conferenced to:
Surrey Memorial Hospital: Room M-3.602

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