

Families in Canada 2019



Satellite Event

Families On The Move

March 27-28

Memorial's Signal Hill Campus

Families in Canada

This unique and inclusive pan-Canadian event will bring together diverse leaders from across Canada who study, serve and support families for two days of research, knowledge-sharing and engaging conversation focused on our conference theme:

THINK BIG:

*How can we use “Big Data” to inform and inspire big ideas
to optimize family well-being in Canada*

The Families in Canada Conference 2019 will allow delegates from across Canada to...

- **Connect** people who study, serve and/or support families in Canada in the government, research, non-profit and private sectors – relationships that will be leveraged to form robust knowledge and resource networks. Connections will be made and strengthened at the main conference and nationally through the simultaneous satellite events being held across Canada in partnering universities.
- **Collaborate** to share interdisciplinary research and cross-cultural/cross-sectoral insights on families in Canada, which will provide fresh perspectives to those who study, serve and support families while encouraging and facilitating intersectional family research.
- **Create and cultivate** new resources for those who study, serve and support families in Canada, including a *Canadian Family Researchers Network*, which will provide a foundation for evidence-based policies, programs, practices and services; a *Canadian Index of Family Well-Being* to track progress and family well-being; and a revised *Social*

Families On The Move

Memorial University is participating in the pan-Canadian [Families in Canada Conference 2019](#) by co-hosting a satellite conference on Families on the Move with the Vanier Institute of the Family. The conference will engage mobile workers, immigrants, Indigenous Peoples, military personnel, veterans, public safety personnel, survivors of domestic violence and people with disabilities, as well as those who study, serve and support families on the move. By bringing together this wealth of knowledge, we will spark conversation on commonalities and divergences in the mobility experiences of these groups to inform public policy, and inspire new areas of research and collaboration to help improve the lives of those who are most affected by the challenges and opportunities created through mobility.

Day One Schedule

Time	Details
8:00 - 8:45 a.m.	Registration
8:50 - 9:30 a.m.	<p>Conference Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emcee: Dr. Barbara Neis, Families On The Move Organizing Committee • Her Honour The Honourable Judy M. Foote, Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador and His Honour Howard W. Foote • Dr. Gary Kachanoski, President, Memorial University of Newfoundland <p>Opening Prayer with Elder Emma Reelis</p>
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	<p>Panel: Lived Experiences of Families On The Move</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Barbara Neis, Project Director, On The Move Partnership, Memorial University</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abir Zan Alabdin, Syrian Refugee, Teacher • Maria Ana Arro, General Manager • Bukola Boluwade, Early Childhood Educator, New Dimensions Child Care • Julie Brocklehurst, Parent, Therapeutic Family-Based Carer • Diane Fulford, St. John's Military Family Resource Center • Heather McDowell, Happy Valley Goose Bay Family Resource Center • Susan Onalik, Indigenous student
10:30 - 10:45 a.m.	Health break



Day One Schedule

Time	Details
10:45 – 11:45 a.m.	<p>Panel: Researchers Studying Families On The Move</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Rose Ricciardelli, Professor, Department of Sociology, Memorial University</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brenda Grzetic, Senior Policy Analyst, St. John's Status of Women Council • Dr. Sulaimon Giwa, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, Memorial University • Dr. Verlé Harrop, Co-lead, National Centre for Collaboration in Indigenous Education Atlantic Region • Denise Hillier, Director of Clinical Services, Stella`s Circle • Dr. Dana Howse, Postdoctoral Fellow, SafetyNet and Department of Sociology, Memorial University • Lynda Manser, Deputy Director, Comprehensive Military Family Plan, Department of National Defense
11:45 -1:00 p.m.	Breakout Session
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Lunch
<i>Sessions live-streamed from National Families in Canada 2019</i>	
2:00 - 4:15 p.m.	<p>Welcome and greetings from Ottawa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pan-Canadian Livestreamed Welcome and Greetings • Greetings by Elder Claudette Commanda • Families in Canada Conference 2019 Overview by Nora Spinks, CEO, The Vanier Institute of the Family • Opening Remarks by The Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development • Performance by Dandelion Dance • Keynote Address by Anil Arora, Chief Statistician, Statistics Canada <p>National Opening Panel – Big Data Through a Family Lens</p>
4:15 – 5:30 p.m.	Reception

Day Two Schedule

Time	Details
8:30 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	<p>Panel: Serving and Supporting Families On The Move</p> <p>Moderator: Chris Sheppard, Executive Director, First Light St. John’s Friendship Centre.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kimberley Elms, Social Worker, Family Liaison Officer , Gander Military Family Resource Centre, Transition Group 9 Wing Gander • Suzy Haghighi, Social Work Coordinator, Association for New Canadians • Vanessa Horlick, Shelter Lead, First Light St. John's Friendship Centre Shanawdithit Shelter • Shelley Langford, Parent Program Coordinator, The Tree House Family Resource Center • Sharon Warren, Royal Newfoundland Constabulary
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	<p>Panel: Positive Collaborations for Research, Service and Support for Families On The Move</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Robert Greenwood, Executive Director, The Leslie Harris Centre of Regional Policy and Development, Memorial University</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathy Hawkins, Manager InclusionNL: Employer Support Services , Empower: The Disability Resource Centre • Gregory M Lagacé, Manager, Community Development and Outreach, Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services • Dr. Barbara Neis, Project Director, On The Move Partnership, Memorial University • Constable Brad Squires, Indigenous Policing and Restorative Justice Officer, Royal Canadian Mounted Police • Dr. Dorothy Vaandering, Associate Professor, Faculty of Education, Memorial University

Day Two Schedule

Time	Details
11:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Health Break
11:30 – 12:30 p.m.	Breakout Session
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Synthesis Session: Wouldn't it be great if..? Moderator: Dr. Rochelle Côté, Assistant Professor, Department
1:30 – 1:45 p.m.	Closing Prayer with Elder Emma Reelis
1:45 – 2:30 p.m.	Lunch
2:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Student Poster Session & Video Screening
<i>Sessions live-streamed from National Families in Canada 2019</i>	
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Welcome Day 2 National Closing Panel – “Little Data” Through a Family Lens Conference Summary
4:00 p.m.	End of Day 2



Organizing Committee & Co-Hosts

Dr. Rochelle Côté, *Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Memorial University*

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