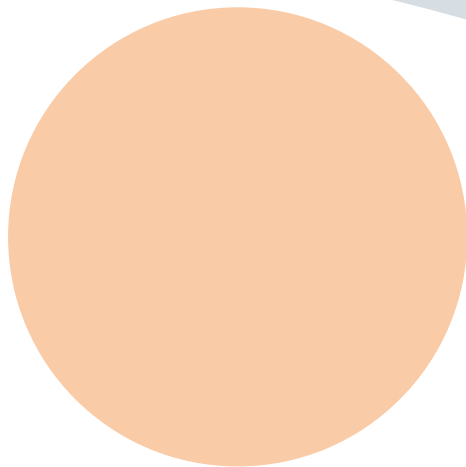


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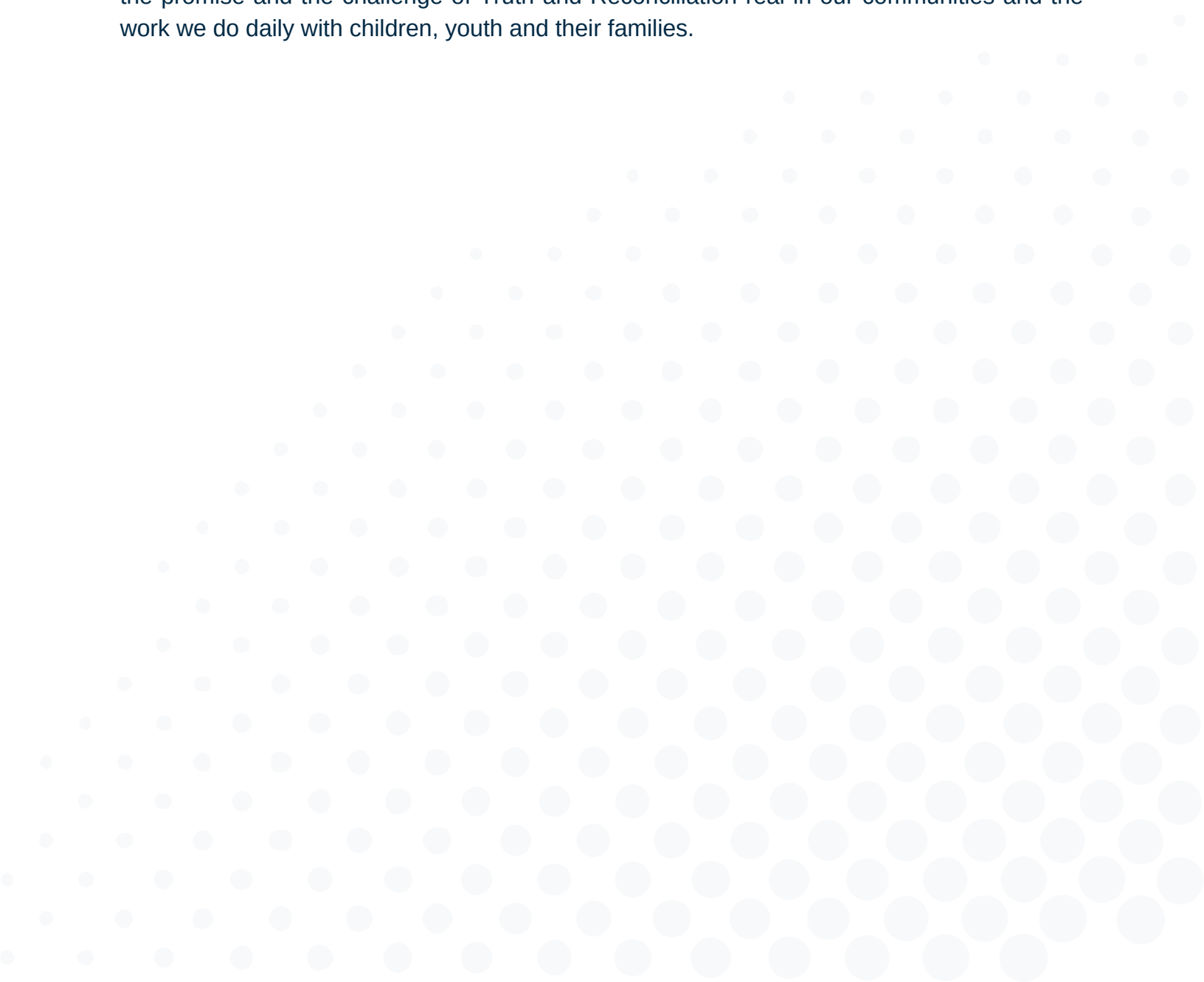
Member Orientation Toolkit

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Land Acknowledgment

Children's Healthcare Canada acknowledges that the land on which we work and live is the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people. We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place. We also recognize the contributions that Métis, Inuit, and other Indigenous peoples have made, both in shaping and strengthening this community, our province and the country.

As settlers, this recognition of the contributions and historic importance of Indigenous peoples must also be clearly and overtly connected to our collective commitment to make the promise and the challenge of Truth and Reconciliation real in our communities and the work we do daily with children, youth and their families.



Welcome to Children's Healthcare Canada!

Being part of Children's Healthcare Canada is more than just a membership, it's joining a strong collective voice and a shared platform for action. Together, we are shaping a stronger, more coordinated system for children, youth, and families.

Your membership provides access to:

- A national network of peers and partners tackling shared challenges
- A platform to amplify your organization's work and impact
- Opportunities to influence policy and advocacy priorities
- Curated insights, resources, and emerging best practices
- Exclusive events, collaboratives, and leadership forums

Membership fees directly enable this work. Over the past year, we strengthened our role as the national voice and convenor for organizations committed to improving children's healthcare experiences and outcomes. Together, we made meaningful progress toward our shared mission: ensuring every child in Canada has timely, equitable access to high-quality, specialized care that supports their ability to thrive.

In a time of ongoing system pressure and transformation, your engagement is critical. With your continued partnership, we can accelerate progress on the issues that matter most to children and families.

Membership provides the opportunity for everyone on your teams to participate in our activities. Sign up for our Newsletter to stay updated on our activities, news and events.

Getting started

- [Sign up to our Member Portal](#)
- [Join a Practice and Policy Network](#)
- [Sign up for our Newsletter](#)
- [Explore the Children's Healthcare Canada website](#)



Member Connections

To enable timely information flow between Children's Healthcare Canada and its member organizations, your organization is asked to identify two leads:

Executive Lead

An Executive Leader from each member organization, who is responsible for membership renewal and who will represent your organization on the Executive Network.

Communications Lead

A communications team lead is identified from each member organization to share their organization's breaking news and success stories with Children's Healthcare Canada and to socialize the Association's products, events, and services with specific departments or their entire organization via internal newsletters, intranet posts, or other channels. This individual will represent your organization on the CHC Communications Network.

Member Programs and Activities

Get involved to maximize the benefits of your membership! Leverage the wisdom of the child health community, share innovations happening locally, and ultimately improve the healthcare experience and health outcomes of children and youth in Canada—all by engaging in the programs, products and services that Children's Healthcare Canada offers.

All our offerings are aligned with the priorities outlined in our [2026–2030 Strategic Plan, Tomorrow's Promise, Today's Plan](#): building future-ready and equitable child health systems, strengthening excellence in health services delivery, and championing science and evidence.

Value Networks

Building on a strong history of national collaboration, Children's Healthcare Canada networks are designed to meet member-identified needs and advance CHC strategic priorities. These are an exclusive benefit for members and open to all staff, employees and families served at Children's Healthcare Canada member organizations. One can choose to join as many networks as are relevant to their work.

Children's Healthcare Canada Member Portal

The Portal is a secure, collaborative space designed exclusively for CHC members to connect, share resources, and engage in discussions that advance child and youth healthcare. [Join](#) to access exclusive content, participate in networks, and stay informed on the latest initiatives, events, and advocacy efforts driving system-wide improvements across the pediatric continuum of care.

Executive Network (invitation only)

This is an exclusive network, which includes the most senior leader responsible for child and youth health at each member organization, the CHC Board of Directors and the Chairs of Pediatrics. It provides a confidential and responsive space for senior child health leaders and executives to explore pressing healthcare and health system challenges. Executive Network members actively participate in the Association's advocacy efforts, leveraging their leadership and expertise to influence stronger policies and investments for kids.

Practice & Policy Networks

Focused, member-only, multidisciplinary networks providing networking opportunities and access to evidence and subject matter expertise on a specific population or area of interest. Network activity aligns with strategic and emerging priorities of Children's Healthcare Canada and its members.

Current Practice Networks

- Child and Youth Mental Health Network
- Connecting Care for Children with Medical Complexity Network
- Pediatric Pain Network
- Equity Network
- Learning Health Systems Network

Inspiring Healthy Futures

Participants in the [Inspiring Healthy Futures](#) Network imagine an equitable ecosystem that fosters health and well-being, resilience, and opportunity for all. Youth, parents, researchers, educators, advocates, policymakers, service providers, and community and business leaders continue to inspire and be inspired by this vision.

Their commitment forms the foundation for leaders, organizations, and governments to make kids a priority and create a healthier, stronger future for children, youth, and families in Canada.

This work is driven by the power of collaboration, advocacy, and innovative research to create lasting, positive change.

Child Health Hubs

Member-driven spaces that connect individuals from member organizations with like peers from coast to coast to share information, ask questions, and exchange resources related to their position, role or passion.

Current Child Health Hubs

- Transition to Adult Care Hub
- Choosing Wisely and Resource Stewardship in Pediatrics Hub
- Pediatric Inpatient Research Network Hub
- Transport Hub

How to get involved: Register for networks or hubs through the Member Portal or by contacting networks@childhealthcan.ca



SPARK

SPARK is Children's Healthcare Canada's national knowledge mobilization platform, designed to move evidence into action for systems change. Knowledge mobilization brings together researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and families to co-create, share, and use evidence that strengthens children's healthcare systems.

Our goal is simple: to accelerate the journey from evidence to impact, improving care, experiences, and outcomes for children, youth, and families

We connect research, practice, policy, and lived experience to inform decisions, strengthen partnerships, and accelerate improvements in child and youth health systems across Canada.

SPARK Learning

[SPARK Learning](#) sessions are designed to feature leading voices from across the child health and healthcare ecosystems, share and explore evidence and innovations, identify implications for system improvement and transformation, and thereby inform and improve children's healthcare systems and outcomes of care.

Each session is designed to move beyond awareness toward **actionable insights and systems change**.

SPARK Conversations

Is a **solutions- and systems-focused [podcast](#)** delivered in a mini-series format to enable a deeper dive into issues that matter in children's healthcare across the country. Through in-depth conversations with thought leaders and changemakers, each mini-series explores solutions to complex challenges and implications for improving children's healthcare systems and outcomes of care.

SPARK News

The [SPARK News](#) e-bulletin provides members and other subscribers with news, research, upcoming events, and announcements from Children's Healthcare Canada and members from across Canada.

SPARK Action

SPARK Action is Children's Healthcare Canada's dynamic policy newsletter that illuminates the vital advocacy work undertaken by CHC in shaping federal policies for child and youth healthcare. From legislative updates and advocacy campaigns to member spotlights and policy analysis, SPARK: Action fuels momentum towards a brighter, healthier future for every child.

SPARK Impact

SPARK Impact is Children's Healthcare Canada's **knowledge mobilization consultation and partnership service**, designed to help researchers move beyond dissemination to real-world application and system impact.

We work with researchers to connect research with the people who can use it—clinicians, health system leaders, policymakers, and families—ensuring your work informs decisions, improves care, and strengthens child and youth health systems across Canada.

How to get involved: Reach out to the SPARK team at spark@childhealthcan.ca

Events

Annual Conference

Each spring, Children's Healthcare Canada's Annual Conference brings together more than 400 leaders united by a shared commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of children and youth. This national gathering connects voices from across the continuum of care to spark ideas, challenge thinking, and shape the future of child healthcare systems in Canada.

At the heart of the conference is the power of collaboration and partnership. From frontline improvements to system-level transformation, delegates share bold ideas and real-world solutions that have the potential to scale and influence change across the country. Through inspiring plenaries, interactive workshops, and a vibrant poster fair, participants gain practical insights while contributing to a collective vision for more integrated, equitable, and health-creating systems.

Beyond the sessions, the conference fosters meaningful relationships, strengthens a national community of practice, and reinforces a simple but powerful idea: innovations that start locally can drive impact nationally.

Pop-Up Events

Pop-Up Events are focused, interactive sessions that bring members together to explore a single priority issue through the lenses of research, practice, and policy. Designed to be timely and flexible, these virtual gatherings create space to share insights, reflect on emerging challenges, and align on what matters most.

Together, participants identify gaps, surface opportunities for action, and shape recommendations that can inform practice, policy, and advocacy—building a shared understanding of issues impacting children’s health and healthcare across Canada

Advocacy & Influence

Advocacy and Policy Leadership

Children’s Healthcare Canada leverages the expertise of its members to inform and advance policy solutions that improve health and healthcare systems for children and youth. Our advocacy is grounded in CHC’s strategic priorities, with a focus on strengthening federal commitment through sustained investment, aligned policy action, and better data systems.

We work to inform and influence child health policy across Canada—translating frontline experience and evidence into meaningful change. Through engagement with members, parliamentarians, committees, and senior public servants, we:

- **Provide expert leadership** by connecting subject matter experts with policymakers to advance child and youth health priorities
- **Equip members for advocacy** with practical tools and resources to amplify their impact
- **Shape the agenda** through public opinion research that informs policy and drives change
- **Collaborate for impact** with national partners to mobilize timely, accessible knowledge
- **Convene Child Health Hill Day**, connecting members directly with federal decision-makers (invitational)

About Us

Children's Healthcare Canada is a national not-for-profit association comprised of healthcare delivery organizations serving children, youth and their families across the continuum of care. With the combined strength of our members, we advance strategic priorities to accelerate excellence and innovation in the healthcare systems that serve Canada's eight million children and youth.

Our members deliver health services to children and youth, and include regional health authorities, children's tertiary/quaternary and rehabilitation hospitals, community hospitals, children's treatment centres, palliative and hospice care homes, and home/respite care agencies serving children.

As a national association, Children's Healthcare Canada:

- Works with partners and children's champions across sectors and across the continuum of care to advance integrated and innovative health systems serving children and youth;
- Creates a forum for members to share knowledge and expertise to improve experiences and outcomes of care;
- Leverages the combined strength of our membership to inspire collective action, measurably improving the health and wellbeing of 8 million children and youth living in Canada.

The Association is governed by a volunteer board of directors comprised of children's health leaders from across the continuum of care, and from coast to coast.

Our Vision

Healthy, vibrant children and youth.

Our Mission

To advance innovative, accessible, equitable, integrated, purpose-built systems of care for children, youth, and families through knowledge sharing, collective action, and advocacy.

Our Values

Collaboration: We work best when we partner with others.

Courage: We demonstrate leadership to make brave decisions.

Fresh Thinking: We seek out novel opportunities to deliver value to members and advance our strategic priorities.

Inclusiveness: We celebrate and embrace the diversity of our membership and the children, youth and families they serve.

Focus: We direct our resources to what matters most to our members.

Contact Us

You can reach different teams at Children's Healthcare Canada at the following addresses:

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