



Call for Presentations / Call for Papers

Child and Youth Care Provincial Conference 2027

Presented by: the Child and Youth Care Workers' Association of
Manitoba

Conference Theme: *Reigniting Your Flame*

The Child and Youth Care Workers' Association of Manitoba is pleased to announce the Child and Youth Care Provincial Conference 2027. This year's conference theme, "**Reigniting Your Flame**," invites Child and Youth Care practitioners, educators, leaders, advocates, researchers, and students to reconnect with the passion, purpose, and commitment that first brought them into the field.

Child and Youth Care work is rooted in relationships, resilience, advocacy, and hope. In a profession that often demands so much emotionally, mentally, and physically, this conference aims to create space for reflection, renewal, inspiration, and growth. Together, we will explore how practitioners can rediscover their "why," strengthen their professional identity, and reignite the flame that fuels meaningful work with children, youth, families, and communities.

We invite dynamic, engaging, and thoughtful presentations that align with the conference theme and contribute to meaningful dialogue, learning, and professional development.

Submission Topics

We welcome presentations, workshops, panels, and papers on topics including, but not limited to:

- Reconnecting with purpose in Child and Youth Care
 - Resilience, self-care, and sustainability in practice
 - Reflective practice and professional identity
 - Indigenous perspectives and culturally responsive practice
 - Mental health and emotional wellness
 - Innovations and emerging practices in the field
 - Practitioner engagement and empowerment
 - Supporting direct-contact practitioners
 - Stories of hope, healing, and transformation
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Presentation Formats

Submissions may include:

- Workshops
- Interactive presentations
- Panel discussions
- Research presentations
- Practice-based presentations
- Lived-experience presentations
- Poster presentations

Presentation lengths may include:

- 60-minute sessions
- 90-minute workshops

- Panel discussions (length to be determined)

Who Should Submit?

We encourage submissions from:

- Child and Youth Care Practitioners
 - Direct-Care workers
 - Educators and researchers
 - Students
 - Elders and Knowledge Keepers
 - Community organizations
 - Mental health professionals
 - Advocates and leaders in human services
 - Individuals with lived experience
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Submission Requirements

Please include the following in your proposal:

- Presentation title
 - Presenter name(s) and organization
 - Contact information
 - Presentation format
 - A brief biography (100–150 words)
 - Presentation description/abstract (250–500 words)
 - Three learning objectives
 - Audio/visual requirements
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Selection Criteria

Submissions will be reviewed based on:

- Relevance to the conference theme
 - Innovation and creativity
 - Practical application and audience engagement
 - Diversity of perspectives and experiences
 - Clarity and quality of proposal
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Important Dates

- **Call for Presentations Opens:** September 1, 2026
 - **Submission Deadline:** December 31, 2026
 - **Notification of Acceptance:** January 31, 2027
 - **Conference Date:** End of May 2027
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Submission Information

Please submit proposals electronically to:

secretary@cycwam.org

Join Us

The Child and Youth Care Provincial Conference 2027 will be an opportunity to learn, reflect, reconnect, and celebrate the important work of Child and Youth Care professionals across Manitoba and beyond.

Together, let us reignite our flame, rediscover our purpose, and continue creating meaningful change in the lives of children, youth, families, and communities.

We look forward to your submissions.

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