



# Guidelines for Participation\*

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*As a CYCC Network Member, you:*

- Support our Vision, Anti-Discrimination Policy, Privacy Policy, as well as maintain appropriate child protection practices required within your jurisdiction
- Have a demonstrated interest in Knowledge Mobilization
- Work with children and youth in challenging contexts in some capacity
- Are willing to put the CYCC Network logo on your website
- Agree to make best efforts to read CYCC Network communications, website, material and participate in CYCC Network events when possible

## *Vision*

The overarching vision of the CYCC Network is to improve the mental health and wellbeing of children and youth in challenging contexts.

We will address the mental health needs of children and youth through promoting wellbeing and mitigating risk by synthesizing practice-based evidence and evidence-based practice knowledge.

We will mobilize knowledge gained by both our network and academic members in ways that are tailored to the needs of our network member communities (including youth, families, policymakers, practitioners, and advocates).

We will combine the best of knowledge mobilization, participatory action research, and community development, in order to create an integrated and sustainable community of practice.

## *Anti-Discrimination Statement*

The CYCC Network, based at Dalhousie University, acts in accordance with the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act, which defines discrimination as making, “a distinction, whether intentional or not, based on a characteristic, or perceived characteristic that has the effect of imposing burdens, obligations or disadvantages on an individual or class of individuals not imposed upon others, or that withholds or limits access to opportunities, benefits and advantages available to other individuals or classes of individuals in society.”

The Nova Scotia Human Rights Act prohibits discrimination based on the following grounds or characteristics: age; race; colour; religion; creed; sex (includes gender identity and gender expression); sexual orientation; physical disability or mental disability; an irrational fear of contracting an illness or disease; ethnic, national or aboriginal origin; family status; marital status; source of income; political belief, affiliation or activity; association with an individual or a class of individuals having characteristics referred to in the first nine points.

### *Privacy Policy*

The CYCC Network will only gather information about the Network Member that is relevant for communications and best practices database.

The CYCC Network will not share or sell any personal information to others outside the CYCC Network. Information from Network Member will only be collected directly from a CYCC Network employee or Governing Board member.

Network Members will be only be able to access information of other Network Members that has been collected for the Best Practices database.

Information from Network Members will not be deleted or altered without discussion and agreement between CYCC Network staff and the Network Member.

### *Child Protection Practices*

If the Network Member or their staff or volunteers work directly with children and youth, they must maintain records of their current criminal record check and vulnerable sector check (or relevant jurisdictional equivalent).

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\* This is not a legally binding document, but guidelines for participation in the CYCC Network