

PolicyWise for Children & Families exists to improve child, family and community well-being by leading, creating and mobilizing research and evaluation for evidence-informed policy and practice.

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Our Vision

Alberta is a leader in creating and mobilizing evidence to ensure the well-being of children, families and communities.

Our Mission

To develop and integrate evidence to inform, identify and promote effective public policy and service delivery to improve the well-being of children, families and communities.

What's Inside

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A message from our President and CEO, Robyn Blackadar:

It's been an exciting few months here at PolicyWise! Our Calgary and Edmonton offices have moved and settled into their new spaces. In honour of our 15th anniversary, we invite you to come visit us during our Open Houses in June! More details to follow in the coming weeks.

- **SAVE THE DATE Calgary Open House - Thursday, June 21, 3 to 5 PM**
- **SAVE THE DATE Edmonton Open House - Monday, June 25, 3 to 5 PM**

We hope everyone is having a happy and healthy 2018 so far!



Our Calgary Team



Our Edmonton Team

Recipients of the Valuing Mental Health Grant

The Addiction and Mental Health Strategic Clinical Network has awarded the Valuing Mental Health Innovation and Integration Research Grant to three recipients and their respective projects. Congratulations to Dr. David Nicholas, Dr. Stephanie Montesanti, and Dr. Gina Dimitropoulos!

Read more about the grant and the



projects that have been awarded [here](#).

The RCSD Learning Series

Have you heard about the recent launch of the Regional Collaborative Service Delivery (RCSD) Learning Series? We have been working closely with Alberta Education - School and Community Supports for Children and Youth Branch to share emerging, promising, and leading practices among the 17 RCSD Regions.



The RCSD Learning Series aims to capture and share experiential knowledge and wisdom and mobilize capacity. View the series and knowledge mobilization materials on our [website](#).



Dr. Shannon Spenceley, RN, PhD

Recent News

- We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest board member, Shannon M. Spenceley, RN, PhD. Shannon is a registered nurse with 37 years of experience in a variety of roles related to health care, including staff nurse, clinical educator, health care analyst and health services researcher, clinical trials coordinator, and senior administrator. She is currently an Associate Professor and Assistant Dean of the Nursing and Health Sciences faculties at the University of Lethbridge. Her most recent study has focused on interventions to reduce moral distress experienced by nursing caregivers, as they care for residents with dementia in continuing care environments. Shannon is also the immediate past president of the College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta.
- PolicyWise staff contributed to an article by SAS titled, "[PolicyWise: Using Data as a Tool for Social Good.](#)"
- Learn about [LinkWise](#), a new data linkage software created by PolicyWise to link population-level data.
- Our Child Youth and Data Laboratory (CYDL) was mentioned as being one of the leading data-sharing hubs in Canada. Read about CYDL and other data sharing initiatives around the world in the most recent [Powered by Data article](#) about



Upcoming Events

The following are a list of upcoming events that are still open for registration:

- [CES 2018 National Conference](#) - May 26 to 29 and May 31 to June 1, 2018 (Calgary and Yellowknife)
- [CMHA Now We Are Stronger Conference](#) - June 4 to 5, 2018 (Edmonton)
- [IDPLN 2018 Conference](#) - September 12 to 14, 2018 (Banff)

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