Cundill Centre Speaker Series Summary

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"Prevalence and Correlates of Child and Youth Mental Disorder and Service Utilization in Ontario"



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OBJECTIVE

To present emerging findings linked to the prevalence and socio-demographic correlates of child and youth mental disorder and service use patterns, using provincially representative data from the 2014 Ontario Child Health Study and School Mental Health Surveys.



KEY MESSAGES

- The prevalence of child and youth mental disorder is high in Ontario.
- Child and youth mental health treatment gaps are large and disproportionately affect certain demographic groups.
- Schools represent the most common setting from which children and youth receive services for mental health concerns.



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