



EDITORIAL

Highlights of the July issue

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We have a wide range of contributions in this issue of the Journal of the Canadian Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry (JCACAP).

If you have any interest in clinical trials in our field, be sure to check out the announcement about a new clinical trials network in Canada aimed at advancing child and youth mental health.

In our research section, we have two articles providing detailed descriptions of different aspects of child and youth mental health services. The first by MacDonald et al. (1) examines mental health service use by young people in child welfare care in Montreal. To extend this inquiry, we solicited further thoughts on this important topic through a complementary discussant piece written by Drs. Nico Trocme and Barbara Fallon (2). A second paper, by Hempelmann Perez et al. (3), provides a comprehensive scan of mental health services for indigenous youth in Canada.

Information on child and youth psychopharmacology is also included in this issue. First, Wood et al. (4) present a clinical pathway for acute agitation in pediatric inpatient settings. Also find a couple of reviews of the 5th edition of the “Clinical Handbook of Psychotropic Drugs for Children and Adolescents”.

Additionally, I encourage you to read a couple of idea papers. One by Sinai & Sim (5), in our Perspective section, arguing for access to exploration with psychodynamic psychotherapy for children and youth with gender dysphoria. And one by Braunberger (6), in our Advocacy column, encouraging critical reflection on criteria for advocacy in our field, and if and when the idea of an advocacy column in an academic journal makes sense.

As always, we welcome feedback. Comments about specific articles can be submitted as a Letter to the Editor through on ScholarOne site (<https://mc04.manuscriptcentral.com/jcacap>). Also, some of our Editorial team will be presenting ideas about the JCACAP at the annual meeting of the Canadian Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry (CACAP), which will give participants an opportunity to give live feedback. As a reminder, the annual meeting of the CACAP is in Winnipeg this year, Sept 21-24, 2024.

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