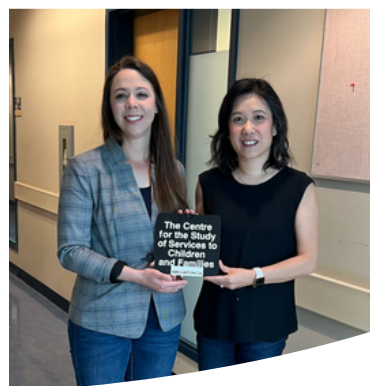


# WINTER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME TO OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER!



The Centre for the Study of Services to Children and Families (CSSCF) is dedicated to identifying and supporting the development of evidence-informed policies, programs and services aimed at improving the lives of children, youth, and families from diverse social contexts. CSSCF on UBC's Okanagan campus is situated on the unceded and ancestral lands of the Syilx (Okanagan) Peoples, and on UBC's Vancouver campus is situated on the unceded and ancestral lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Peoples. Working across both campuses, CSSCF mobilizes this mandate through research, training, partnerships, and knowledge dissemination.

With the new launch of our triannual newsletter, we aim to connect with our research and community partners about activities happening at the Centre. Subscribe if you have not already: [https://csscf.ok.ubc.ca/knowledge-mobilization/newsletter/!](https://csscf.ok.ubc.ca/knowledge-mobilization/newsletter/)

We're very excited to have you join us!

## INTRODUCING NEW CSSCF MEMBERS

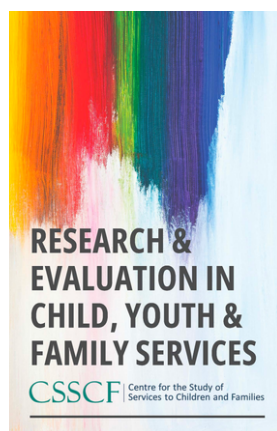
CSSCF recently welcomed four new faculty members: Drs. Lea Caragata, Grant Charles, Sheila Marshall, and Monty Montgomery, who have joined as Faculty Affiliates. CSSCF has also hired an undergraduate Work Learn student, Cathy Jiu, as a Knowledge Translation Assistant.

### DR. BARBARA LEE ANNOUNCED AS KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE AND MOBILIZATION (KXM) SCHOLAR



In February 2023, Dr. Barbara Lee, co-director, was announced as a **Knowledge Exchange and Mobilization (KxM) Scholar** in UBC Knowledge Exchange's first cohort of their **KxM Scholar Program**. Joining Drs. Sandra Lauck (Nursing), Jasmin Ma (Education and Kinesiology), and Michelle Stack (Education and the UBC Learning Exchange), Dr. Lee will participate in initiatives to enhance the capacities of faculties and schools to support the practice and science of KxM, and to build a culture of KxM in the School of Social Work. Congratulations to Dr. Lee for this accomplishment!

### NEW E-JOURNAL LAUNCH



In September, CSSCF launched a new open access e-journal, *Research and Evaluation in Child, Youth, and Family Services*. Its name is derived from the MSW program's research course where MSW students, in partnership with the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD), complete applied research evaluation projects. These four special issues highlight contemporary research on the development, evaluation

and implementation of evidence-based practice and policies impacting children, youth, and families. Stay connected for more in the future!



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### DR. SARAH DOW-FLEISNER JOINS POPULATION DATA BC'S RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dr. Sarah Dow-Fleisner, co-director, is a new member of **Population Data BC's (PopData) Research Advisory Committee**. PopData, a multi-university, data and education resource, facilitates interdisciplinary research on the determinants of human health, well-being and development. Providing various services to researchers and data providers, PopData strives to ensure that researchers have timely access to the data and training they need to address research questions on population health. Research using these data informs policy-making and leads to healthier communities. Congratulations to Dr. Dow-Fleisner for this achievement!



## A RECAP OF THIS YEAR'S EVENTS

This past year, CSSCF hosted **four hybrid cross-campus events**:



- A **Grounded Theory** training workshop by Connie Bird, a UBC-V Social Work PhD student.



- A **Lunch and Learn** event on **Social Work Simulations Programs**, featuring Dr. Marcelo Maghidman from Monash University, Department of Social Work, Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences.



- The **Transformative Child Welfare Practice: Integrating Trauma-Informed Perspectives** panel with Lorne Milne (MCFD Field Education Consultant), Jennifer Wright (MCFD Child Protection Practice Consultant), Brona Kennedy (MCFD Child and Youth Mental Health Consultant), and Vicky Probert (MCFD Integrated Practice Clinician).



- A **Special Presentation on "Family Polyvictimization, Maternal Stress to Infant Biomarker: An Integrated Approach to the Pregnancy Care"** by Dr. Edward Chan from Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Department of Applied Social Sciences.

## CSSCF IN THE NEWS

### **Mothers experiencing depression can thrive as parents.**

This UBC-O press release highlights Dr. Dow-Fleisner's research on the importance of interpersonal supports and community resources for mums with depression.

### **B.C. birthrates dropping amid high cost of living and childcare challenges.**

Dr. Dow-Fleisner provided an expert opinion on the importance of affordable housing, childcare, and cost of living policies to support families.

### **Youth mental health and substance use services.**

Dr. Dow-Fleisner provided an expert opinion on the importance of access to early interventions services for youth.



## CSSCF WRITING RETREATS: THREE MORE ANNOUNCED FOR 2023-2024

This summer, CSSCF held two reading and writing retreats at UBC-V. For the academic year, CSSCF will be hosting three more:

- December 18-21, 2023
- February 20-23, 2024
- Mid-April 2024 (dates TBD)

Retreats are open to UBC PhD students and faculty. Find out more information on our website: <https://csscf.ok.ubc.ca/knowledge-mobilization/events/>!

## OUR NEWEST PUBLICATIONS!

### FACTORS IMPACTING WELLBEING

(1) **Dow-Fleisner, S.**, Baum, C., Pandey, S., & Hawkins, S. S. (2023). Parenting While Depressed: The influence of interpersonal supports and community resources for mothers. *Journal of Family Issues*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0192513X231181369>

### FACTORS IMPACTING WELLBEING

(2) Struik, L, Christianson, K., Khan, S., Yang, Y., Werstuik, S., **Dow-Fleisner, S.** & Ben-David, S. (2023). Factors that influence decision-making among youth who vape and youth who don't vape. *Addictive Behaviors Reports*, 18, 1-10. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.abrep.2023.100509>

### IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION

(3) **Dow-Fleisner, S.**, Leong, A. D. & Lee, H. (2023). The interaction between peer bullying and school connectedness on youth health and wellbeing. *Child and Youth Services Review*, 155, 1-8. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chilyouth.2023.107147>

### IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION

(4) **Dow-Fleisner, S.**, Harris-Gendron, S., van Donkelaar, P., & Mason, K. (2023). Assessing measures of resilience and posttraumatic growth for use among survivors of intimate partner violence-related brain injury: A scoping review. *Translational Issues in Psychological Science*, 9(2), 160-179. <https://doi.org/10.1037/tps0000370>

### IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION

(5) **Dow-Fleisner, S.**, Stager, M., Gregoire, N., Woodmass, K., More, J. W., & Wells, S. J. (2023). Development of a measure of child welfare practice excellence. *Research on Social Work Practice*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10497315231180296>

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

(6) Tufford, L., **Lee, B.**, Thieu, V., & Zhao, R. (2023). Emotional regulation in peer-to-peer role-plays in social work education: The contribution from standardized clients in medicine. *Journal of Teaching in Social Work*, 43(5), 627-643. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08841233.2023.2266521>

**Dow-Fleisner, S.**, Gregoire, N., Stager, M, Woodmass, K, More, J & Wells, S. (2023, November). Measuring organizational environment in Indigenous child welfare agencies. *Child and Youth Services Review*.