

Community Conference Grants

The purpose of the conference grants program is to support events which are organized by and/or for families with children with health challenges, including but not limited to children with acute illness, chronic illness, and disabilities. Eligible events will have a focus on information sharing between health professionals, community organizations, and families.

2024-2025

View Point – Education Series

Fighting Blindness Canada

Grant approved: \$5,000

AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication) Family Camp & Conference

Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, University of Alberta

Grant approved: \$5,000

Hydrocephalus Canada Annual General Meeting and Conference

Hydrocephalus Canada

Grant approved: \$3,000

OPWSA Fall Family and Caregiver Conference

Ontario Prader-Willi Syndrome Association

Grant approved: \$5,000

Finding Ability Within Disabilities: Building Bridges Between Practitioners and Newcomer Families in Caring for Children with Developmental Disabilities

Mishka Social Services

Grant approved: \$5,000

SCERT Conference on Neurodevelopmental Conditions

Ecole Le Sommet / Summit School

Grant approved: \$5,000

YPAHD (Young People Affected by Huntington Disease) Day 2024

Huntington Society of Canada

Grant approved: \$5,000

Advanced Facilitator Toolbox Development

The Sashbear Foundation

Grant approved: \$5,000

Pathway to Peers Education Day

March of Dimes Canada

Grant approved: \$5,000

Saskatchewan and Niagara Growing with Diabetes Conferences

I Challenge Diabetes

Grant approved: \$5,000

FLASH Camp 2025

Ontario RETT Syndrome Association

Grant approved: \$5,000

2023-2024

Youth Mental Health Symposium

Lloydminster Region Healthy Foundation Inc.

Grant approved: \$5,000

SCERT Conference on Neurodevelopmental Conditions

Ecole Le Sommet / Summit School

Grant approved: \$5,000

Canadian MPS Society's National Family Conference

The Canadian Society for Mucopolysaccharide & Related Diseases Inc.

Grant approved: \$5,000

View Point – Education Series

Fighting Blindness Canada

Grant approved: \$5,000

Growing with Diabetes Conference

I Challenge Diabetes

Grant approved: \$5,000

HSC National Conference 2023 – Niagara

Huntington Society of Canada

Grant approved: \$4,987

FLASH Camp 2024

Ontario RETT Syndrome Association

Grant approved: \$5,000

Pathway of Peers – Creative Solutions for Gaps in Care

March of Dimes Canada

Grant approved: \$4,000

OPWSA Fall Family and Caregiver Conference

Ontario Prader-Willi Syndrome Association

Grant approved: \$5,000

LDAWC 10th Annual Family Conference

Learning Disabilities Association of Wellington County

Grant approved: \$5,000

Body Peace 2024 Innovating Together: Collaborations in Eating Disorders Care

Body Brave Inc.

Grant approved: \$5,000

2022-2023

AAC Camp Alberta 2022: Weekend Family Camp and Conference

March of Dimes Canada

Grant approved: \$5,000

IPOS 2022 World Congress

Canadian Association of Psychosocial Oncology

Grant approved: \$5,000

Count Us In

Down Syndrome Association of Ontario

Grant approved: \$5,000

View Point – Educational Webinar Series

Fighting Blindness Canada

Grant approved: \$5,000

SCERT Conference on Neurodevelopmental Conditions

Ecole le Sommet/Summit School

Grant approved: \$5,000

14th Annual ADHD Conference

Centre for ADD/ADHD Awareness Canada

Grant approved: \$5,000

Childhood Disability Poverty – A National Discussion

Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network

Grant approved: \$5,000

CRBS Speaker Series

Canadian Retinoblastoma Society

Grant approved: \$5,000

Family Literacy and Communication Camp

Ontario RETT Syndrome Association

Grant approved: \$5,000

Empowered Families Conference 2023

Inspire Community Outreach Inc.

Grant approved: \$5,000

AAC Camp Alberta Family Camp and Conference (September 2023)

University of Alberta – Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

Grant approved: \$5,000

Anticipatory Grief Supporting Clients Through Non Death Loss

Myra's Kids Foundation

Grant approved: \$4,250

2021 – 2022

Virtual ADHD Conference 2021

Centre for ADD/ADHD Awareness Canada

Grant approved: \$4,983

Hydrocephalus Canada Virtual Annual Conference & Workshops 2021

Hydrocephalus Canada

Grant approved: \$5,000

Learning Explorations Information Sessions for Families with Children with Special Health Care Needs

Family Support Institute of BC Society

Grant approved: \$5,000

Strong Like a Girl – A healthy choices workshop for young girls

Eating Disorders Association of London

Grant approved: \$5,000

8th Annual LDAWC Family Conference

Learning Disabilities Association of Wellington County

Grant approved: \$5,000

Body Peace 2022: Empowering and Supporting Youth with Eating Disorders

Body Brave Inc.

Grant approved: \$5,000

Gender Differences in Grieving

Myra's Kids Foundation

Grant approved: \$3,500

Hydrocephalus Canada Webinar Series for Parents, Youth & Caregivers 2022

Hydrocephalus Canada

Grant approved: \$5,000

2020 – 2021

6th Annual Learning Disabilities Association of Wellington County Family Conference (Virtual)

Learning Disabilities Association of Wellington County

Grant approved: \$3,500

7th Annual 22q11DS Family Conference

22q11DS Clinic, The Hospital for Sick Children

Grant approved: \$5,000

One Retinoblastoma World 2020

International Retinoblastoma Consortium

Grant approved: \$5,000

View Point Education Webinars

Fighting Blindness Canada

Grant approved: \$5,000

Moving Forward – Resilience and FASD

Surrey Place

Grant approved: \$5,000

Body Peace 2020: Revolutionizing Recovery Conference

Body Brave Inc.

Grant approved: \$5,000

2019 – 2020

Access Counts Autism Conference 2019: Sharing Best Practices to Empower Diverse Communities

South Asian Autism Awareness Centre

Grant approved: \$5,000

International Psycho-Oncology Society

Kids Cancer Care

Grant approved: \$5,000

SCERT Conference on Neurodevelopmental Conditions

Summit School Foundation

Grant approved: \$5,000

OPWSA Fall Family and Caregiver Conference

Ontario Prader-Willi Syndrome Association

Grant approved: \$5,000

Building Strong NICU Families

Healthy Start, Healthy Future Inc.

Grant approved: \$5,000

Vision Quest Education Conference

Fighting Blindness Canada (formerly The Foundation Fighting Blindness)

Grant approved: \$5,000

YPAHD (Young People Affected by Huntington Disease) Day

Huntington Society of Canada

Grant approved: \$5,000

Hydrocephalus Canada Annual Conference

Hydrocephalus Canada (formerly Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association)

Grant approved: \$5,000

Family Connections – Managing Suicidality and Trauma Recovery

The Sashbear Foundation

Grant approved: \$5,000

2020 Canadian Autism Leadership Summit

Autism Speaks Canada

Grant approved: \$5,000

2018 – 2019

Pediatric Oncology Awareness Conference

Chai Lifeline (Canada) Inc.

Grant approved: \$5,000

Pediatric Diabetes Day 2018 and Family Camp Retreat

Diabetes Canada

Grant approved: \$5,000

In Our Community, Making a Difference

McMan Youth, Family and Community Services

Grant approved: \$5,000

Huntington Society of Canada National Conference

Huntington Society of Canada

Grant approved: \$5,000

7th Biennial Body Image and Self-Esteem Conference

The National Eating Disorder Information Centre

Grant approved: \$5,000

FPWR Canada Family National Conference “Make It Happen” (in 2019)

Foundation for Prader-Willi Research Canada

Grant approved: \$5,000

OPWSA Fall Mini Conference, Family Gathering and AGM (in 2018)

Ontario Prader-Willi Syndrome Association

Grant approved: \$5,000

Vision Quest Education Conference

The Foundation Fighting Blindness

Grant approved: \$5,000

38th Annual National Turner Syndrome Conference

Turner Syndrome Society of Canada

Grant approved: \$5,000

Neurofibromatosis Ontario Annual Conference

Neurofibromatosis Society of Ontario

Grant approved: \$5,000

Retinoblastoma Family Education Symposium held in Calgary

Canadian Retinoblastoma Society

Grant approved: \$5,000

Annual Voice Conference

Voice for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children

Grant approved: \$5,000

2017 – 2018

OPWSA Family and Caregiver Conference

Ontario Prader-Willi Syndrome Association

Grant approved: \$5,000

Young People Affected by Huntington Disease (YPAHD) Day

Huntington Society of Canada

Grant approved: \$5,000

Joint the Movement to End Brain Tumours National Conference

Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada

Grant approved: \$5,000

Helping Our Youth Navigate a Body Obsessed Culture: Learning How You Can Make a Difference

Ontario Shores Foundation for Mental Health

Grant approved: \$5,000

1st National Mitochondrial Disease Conference

MitoCanada Foundation

Grant approved: \$5,000

Bright Lights Big Dreams

The Canadian Association for Williams Syndrome

Grant approved: \$5,000

Living Empowered with Neurofibromatosis

Tumour Foundation of BC

Grant approved: \$5,000

Culturally Responsive Practices in Health, Education and Community Service for Individuals & Families Living with Autism

South Asian Autism Awareness Centre

Grant approved: \$5,000

JDRF Peak: Exercising Safely with T1D

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

Grant approved: \$5,000

Tuberous Sclerosis Educational Conference

Tuberous Sclerosis Canada

Grant approved: \$5,000

Believe in Tomorrow Ontario Rett Syndrome Association 2018 Conference

Ontario Rett Syndrome Association

Grant approved: \$5,000

**Canadian Leukodystrophy Conference for Patients & Families: Current, Novel, and Future Therapies
The Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation**

Grant approved: \$5,000

2016 – 2017

Joint The Movement to End Brain Tumours National Conference

Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada

Grant approved: \$5,000

3rd Annual 22q11DS Family Conference

22q Deletion Syndrome Clinic, The Hospital for Sick Children

Grant approved: \$5,000

Leukodystrophy Education Conference

Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation

Grant approved: \$5,000

Improving Mental Wellness and Increasing the Strengths of Children and Youth with a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)

NorWest Community Health Centres

Grant approved: \$5,000

Strengthening the Voice of Indigenous Youth: An Event on Self-Care, Self-Growth, and Overcoming Depression and Suicide

St. Michael's Hospital

Grant approved: \$5,000

Self-harm and Suicidal Thoughts: Stories of hope and recovery

Ontario Shores Foundation for Mental Health

Grant approved: \$5,000

Vision Quest Education Conference

The Foundation Fighting Blindness

Grant approved: \$5,000

6th Biannual Body Image & Self-Esteem Conference

National Eating Disorder Information Centre, Toronto General & Western Hospital Foundation

Grant approved: \$5,000

4th Annual 22q11DS Family Conference

22q Deletion Syndrome Clinic, SickKids and Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough

Grant approved: \$5,000

Exploring the Spectrum

The Provincial Autism Centre Association

Grant approved: \$5,000

Food Allergy Canada Workshop

Food Allergy Canada

Grant approved: \$5,000

Canadian FOP Family Conference and Medical Clinic

Canadian FOP Network (CFOPN)

Grant approved: \$5,000

2015 – 2016

2nd Annual 22q11DS Family Education Conference

22q Deletion Syndrome Clinic, The Hospital for Sick Children

Grant approved: \$5,000

Vision Quest Educational Meetings

The Foundation Fighting Blindness

Grant approved: \$5,000

Regional Family Gatherings for Prader-Willi Syndrome

Ontario Prader-Willi Syndrome Association

Grant approved: \$5,000

Waiting for Change: A Youth Mental Health Summit

Children's Mental Health Ontario

Grant approved: \$5,000

Canadian CMTC Annual Conference

Canadian CMTC Foundation

Grant approved: \$5,000

Family Education Day About Epilepsy

BC Epilepsy Society

Grant approved: \$5,000

Living well with food allergy: what can we learn from research?

Food Allergy Canada (formerly Anaphylaxis Canada)

Grant approved: \$5,000

24th Annual VOICE Conference

VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children

Grant approved: \$5,000

DREAMS Conference 2016

Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough

Grant approved: \$5,000

Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Annual Conference

Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario

Grant approved: \$5,000

27th Annual Reach for the Rainbow Training Conference

Reach for the Rainbow

Grant approved: \$5,000

Preschool Autism Treatment Impact: Sharing evidence and perspectives

Autism Research Centre (IWK Health Centre)

Grant approved: \$5,000

2014 – 2015

23rd Annual VOICE Conference

VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children

Grant approved: \$5,000

Manitoba NF Symposium

Manitoba Neurofibromatosis Support Groups (MBNF)

Grant approved: \$5,000

Family Day on Borderline Personality Disorder

The Sashbear Foundation

Grant approved: \$5,000

Unlocking the mysteries of good allergy; what can we learn from research?

Anaphylaxis Canada

Grant approved: \$5,000

26th Annual Reach for the Rainbow Training Conference

Reach for the Rainbow (RFTR)

Grant approved: \$5,000

Fostering Connections, 2015 Annual Conference – The Transition Trail:

A Journey to Independence Through Connection

Manitoba Foster Family Network

Grant approved: \$5,000

Toronto Finding Balance Mental Health Conference

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Canada (JDRF)

Grant approved: \$5,000

5th Bi-Annual Body Image and Self-Esteem Conference

The National Eating Disorder Information Centre

Grant approved: \$5,000

Changing the Course of Autism 2014 (Conference/Webcast)

Autism Canada Foundation

Grant approved: \$5,000

Vision Quest Educational Meetings

The Foundation Fighting Blindness

Grant approved: \$5,000

Brain Tumour Information Days Patient and Family Conferences

Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada

Grant approved: \$5,000

Precious Minds Family Learning & Fun Day

Precious Minds Support Services

Grant approved: \$5,000