5th International Conference on Families and Children with Parental Mental Health Challenges

16 – 19th of August 2016 in Basel, Switzerland

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

The international conference will be combined with the Annual National Conference of the Swiss Societies for Adult Psychiatry & Psychotherapy and Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, iks (Institut Kinderseele Schweiz), Pro Mente Sana and The Swiss Mental Health Network under the common title “Transgenerational Mental Health”.

Children of parents with a mental disorder are becoming recognized worldwide as a large population at high risk for serious mental, physical and social problems during their life. Over the last 20 years an impressive body of knowledge has been generated from research and from experiences of children, parents, families and carers about the impact of dealing with serious parental mental health challenges. This also includes knowledge of the processes responsible for the transgenerational transmission of mental health challenges.

Worldwide a wide range of successful interventions and support strategies have been developed and researched to strengthen mental health capacities of these children and families and to reduce the onset of mental disorders and related problems. Improving their mental health perspectives represents a major national and worldwide strategy to reduce the highly prevalent mental health burden of societies.

This 5th international conference aims to further strengthen the awareness of professionals, organizations, policymakers, consumers and researchers about the need and the opportunities to create a better future for these children and families. It will provide a platform to exchange the latest knowledge and effective practices and to learn about the latest breakthroughs and advancements. The conference brings together influential and inspiring scientists, professionals, policymakers and experts by experience.

We invite you to participate in this conference and to mark these dates in your diaries. The conference offers the opportunity to share your knowledge, practice and experiences with others around the world. A call for abstracts will be disseminated in November 2015.

Important dates

August 2015: Landing page

November 1, 2015: Website open for submission of papers

December 31, 2015: Submission Deadline