

Transformation may be a marathon, but slow and steady doesn't necessarily win the race. In addition to the continuous pursuit of quality improvement, we need to make space for the innovation, exploration and creativity that could accelerate the pace of change and deliver better and faster results for children, youth and families.

The Centre's Innovation Initiatives are designed to help Ontario's child and youth mental health changemakers turn their bold ideas into potential solutions for some of our sector's trickiest challenges. These grants provide **up to \$50,000 to try new things, collaborate in non-traditional ways, test promising ideas and stretch the boundaries of existing evidence** to improve the quality and accessibility of child and youth mental health services in Ontario.

Moving on Mental Health identifies priorities for the system, and successful Innovation Initiatives will seek to raise the bar in one or more of them:

- Build clear pathways in and out of community-based child and youth mental health services
- Increase integration and collaboration among diverse community partners (e.g. health, education)
- Establish consistent and evidence-informed clinical service standards and guidelines
- Ensure timely, appropriate and accessible services for children, youth and families

SUBMISSION FORM

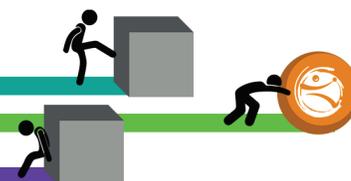


Detailed information and submission forms will be available on the Centre's website on **January 8, 2018**, but here's a **sneak peek** to get your creative juices flowing. Applicants will be asked to answer the following questions:

1. **What is the challenge?** (describe the problem)
2. **What are you planning to do about it?** (describe your proposed solution)
3. **Why do you think it will work?** (Describe the existing evidence that supports your approach)
4. **What is innovative about this initiative?** (Describe how your project is different, new and/or interesting)
5. **How does the initiative advance Ontario's system priorities?** (Establish link to priorities listed above)

TIMELINE

- JANUARY 8, 2018
The Centre posts all application documents and information online
- FEBRUARY 28, 2018
Submissions due
- APRIL 30, 2018
Applicants notified of funding decisions
- MAY 1, 2018 - MARCH 31, 2019
Award term
- APRIL 30, 2019
Final reports due



ELIGIBILITY



Innovation Initiative submissions must:

- be submitted by an MCYS-funded lead or core service agency providing child and youth mental health services (accepting Centre funding precludes the agency from receiving other MCYS funding for the same initiative)
- be an innovative approach that will advance knowledge in Ontario's child and youth mental health sector
- be an evidence-informed approach with high potential for improving mental health services and outcomes for children, youth and families
- address one or more system priority (listed above) and show potential impact on the broader child and youth mental health system
- demonstrate partnership within the broader community/service area. Priority will be given to proposals with clear collaboration among lead and core service agencies and/or cross-sectoral partners
- include meaningful and appropriate engagement of children, youth and/or family members.

