

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

**8th Lillian Meighen Wright Maternal-Child Health Learning Academy
Faculty of Health, York University**

Maternal-Child Health Promotion: Achievements and Challenges

**In-person at York University
Wednesday 12 May 2027: 10am-4pm**

- ✚ We invite submissions for abstracts to the 8th Lillian Meighen Wright (LMW) Maternal-Child Health Learning Academy to be held on Wednesday 12 May 2027 at York University.
- ✚ This **full day in-person event** focuses on achievements and challenges in promoting Maternal-Child Health. It is organized by the Women's Health Research Chair in Mental Health and the LMW Scholars Program Academic Lead, Dr. Nazilla Khanlou, and the Student Co-chairs of the Program, Lojain Hamwi and Estreya Cohen.
- ✚ We welcome abstract submissions for posters or oral presentations from students, educators, researchers, service providers, policymakers, and community members. Please ensure that the abstract follows the guidelines provided on the next page.
- ✚ The Organizing Review Committee will select the abstracts to be presented in the event. Given time available, the Committee will indicate whether the abstract will be a poster or oral presentation.
- ✚ Selected abstracts will be included in the 8th Lillian Meighen Wright Maternal-Child Health Learning Academy's program booklet.
- ✚ Presenters will be invited to submit a fuller version of their work in a manuscript format to a special issue of the International Network on Youth Integration INYI Journal (<https://inyi.journals.yorku.ca/>).

Abstract Submission Guidelines

Theme: We are seeking submissions related to Maternal-Child Health Promotion: Achievements and Challenges from across various sectors. We invite descriptive, empirical, analytical, or reflective submissions on:

- i) Socio-economic factors (such as poverty, access barriers, digital literacy, etc.), or emerging threats (such as climate change, displacement, etc.), impacting the landscape of maternal and child health;
- ii) Current challenges to improving the health of mothers, children, and their families in different settings and across sectors;
- iii) Emerging promising strategies, approaches, and policies to improving maternal-child health.

Submit your abstract by **15 December 2026** through the submission portal: [Abstract submission portal: 8th LMW Learning Academy: Maternal-Child Health Promotion – Fill out form](#)

Please structure your submission as follows:

1. Submission Title
2. Authors & Affiliations (including email for presenting author)
3. **Abstract:** Abstracts should not exceed 300 words in length. Please format your abstract using these headings: Background: Objectives: Methods: Results: Discussion and Conclusion.
4. Acknowledgements (funding, supervisor, etc.).
5. Has this presentation been presented elsewhere previously? If yes, where/ when/ by who?

NOTE: Further details will be provided to the presenters of the accepted submissions.

Thank you,

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Register for the event here: [York University's 8th Lillian Meighen Wright \(LMW\) Maternal-Child Health Learning Academy – Fill out form](#)

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