



# Research Bulletin

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## Knowledge translation needs you

Are you concerned about how families, caregivers, and policymakers can obtain useful and timely research information to inform practice and policy? This is the goal of knowledge translation (KT) - the exchange of information between researchers and stakeholders.

If this topic interests you, whether as a parent or researcher, practitioner or policy-maker, we invite you to our next knowledge translation workshop! The session will take place at the **St. Amant Conference** on **October 9th**, from 1:00 - 2:30 pm, at the **Canad Inn Fort Garry**. Conference registration is required - please visit [www.stamant.mb.ca/main/Events.html](http://www.stamant.mb.ca/main/Events.html) for details and program information.

In this participatory session, members of the St. Amant Research Team will introduce a conceptual framework for KT, and provide an assessment of current knowledge availability, use, and dissemination. We'll then discuss important factors that facilitate or impede KT, and how we can work together to improve them.

A complete report on the event will be published at [stamantresearch.ca](http://stamantresearch.ca) following the conference.

The **St. Amant Research Centre** is dedicated to improving the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities through research and education.

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## Something for everyone

Members of our research team will present on wide-ranging topics at the St. Amant Conference, including:

- *Perceptions of gastrostomy feeding,*
- *How to measure and teach fundamental learning skills,*
- *Mothers of children with autism describe their health,*
- *How do we determine how many people have developmental disabilities and who do we include?*
- *Helicobacter Pylori – Can you stomach that?*

More details are available at the Conference URL given in the article above. You can also download synopses of poster presentations, including nine posters by students from the Research Centre!

## Why you should care about CARE-ID

The Canadian Association for Research and Education in Intellectual Disabilities (CARE-ID)/ Association canadienne pour la recherche et l'enseignement en déficience intellectuelle (ACREDI) is pleased to hold its third Annual General Meeting (AGM) in conjunction with the 2008 St Amant Conference and with the gracious support of St Amant.



CARE-ID/ACREDI ([www.care-id.com](http://www.care-id.com)) was established in 2004 through consultation with 29 key stakeholders from across Canada. One primary theme emerged: the association's key area of activity should be to facilitate the establishment of a well-connected community of all individuals and organizations that have a stake in helping to address the interests of the intellectually disabled population.

**Our Vision:** *A Canada where there is equality, inclusion, and full citizenship for people with intellectual disabilities so that they achieve optimal fulfillment of their potential.*

**Our Mission:** *The Canadian Association for Research and Education in Intellectual Disabilities (CARE-ID) / Association canadienne pour la recherche et l'enseignement en déficience intellectuelle (ACREDI) is a national voice and resource to promote research and education in intellectual disabilities that benefits persons with intellectual disabilities.*

Our members come from across Canada and include family members, students, front line workers, researchers, physicians and organizational members. CARE-ID/ACREDI members benefit from our organization membership status with the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disabilities, an interdisciplinary non-governmental organization with official relations with the World Health Organization. Members can also participate in our program of webconference rounds on Training and Research in Intellectual Disabilities.

Of special interest at this year's AGM and in a separate workshop presented by Susan Morris, we will be discussing the development of a National Advocacy Toolkit. The toolkit will be presented to the Mental Health Commission of Canada, to be considered as a component of the Commission's National Mental Health Strategy. CARE-ID/ACREDI is one of the sponsors of this action.

We are always looking for new members to strengthen the voice of CARE-ID/ACREDI.

**We invite you to attend our AGM in the Ambassador B room, on Oct 10 at noon** (lunch provided), and encourage you to view our poster display at the St Amant conference, pick up a pamphlet for information and talk to one of our members about CARE-ID/ACREDI.

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