

# Issues and Impacts Series

## 2020 - 2021



As part of CUP's 20th anniversary we are hosting the Issues and Impacts Series. Throughout the series, we engage field experts in discussing issues relevant to the wellbeing of children, youth and families. As a complement to the field expert talk, we invite our local research partnerships to provide a more intimate discussion of local projects working to understand and achieve impacts on the same issue. **Please join us this May and June as we discuss the transformation of systems, the lens with which to evaluate transformation and the capacity needed to support the learning process.**

### FIELD EXPERT TALK



#### **Transformation: What it is. Why it matters. How to evaluate it.**

The calls to 'transform' our systems are everywhere. Transform education systems, food systems, policing and justice systems, energy systems, child and family care, housing systems, health systems. Transform the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, gender, race, class and with eco-systems. The stakes are higher than they have ever been. The UN Intergovernmental Report on Climate Change issued in 2018 identifies the year 2030 as roughly the time when global warming reaches an irreversible tipping point, leading to calls for urgent and major global systems transformation. The current coronavirus pandemic has not only revealed the need for these types of transformation, but in many cases have accelerated and amplified them. In order to transform our current situations as quickly, boldly and as effectively as required, we also need to transform the way we track progress, generate insights, and continually develop and adapt our efforts. This session examines how.

FIELD EXPERTS: **Dr. Michael Quinn-Patton**, Founder and CEO of Utilization-Focused Evaluation / **Mark Cabaj**, President, From Here to There Consulting.

DATE: **May 19, 2021**

TIME: **12:00PM - 1:00PM MDT**

Please register [here](#) by May 14, 2021.

### LOCAL PARTNERSHIP TALK



#### **Transforming Evaluation Capacity in the Social Serving Sector**

The Evaluation Capacity Network is a national partnership initiative that seeks to strengthen the evaluation capacity in the social serving sector, to improve programs, policies and day-to-day practices for the wellbeing of children, families, and communities. Join this session to learn more about our partnership, collaborative evaluation projects in the early childhood field, and how you can get connected to capacity building opportunities being offered across Canada.

LOCAL PARTNERSHIP: **Drs. Rebecca Gokiert, Javier Mignone, Isabelle Bourgeois** and the **Evaluation Capacity Network**

DATE: **June 2, 2021**

TIME: **12:00PM - 1:00PM MST**

Please register [here](#) by May 28, 2021.

**Watch for the conclusion of this series, focusing on poverty, in September.**



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