



CHILD-BRIGHT Network

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Introducing CHILD-BRIGHT's administrative team

working under the guidance of Network Co-Directors:



Dr. Annette Majnemer



Dr. Steven Miller



Dr. Dan Goldowitz

Based out of Montreal, Quebec



To Nhu Nguyen, BSc (OT), MBA Network Operations Manager

To Nhu joined CHILD-BRIGHT in June 2016, bringing 18 years of experience in health care. In her most recent assignment as Director, Patient Care Services at The Royal in Ottawa, she led teams of clinicians delivering specialty mental health services across eastern Ontario. To Nhu holds a BSc in Occupational Therapy from l'Université de Montréal and an MBA from the University of Ottawa. She will oversee the day-to-day operations of the network.

With support from the administrative team and under the leadership of Dr. Annette Majnemer, To Nhu is putting in place processes and mechanisms to coordinate all network programs (research, training, KT, citizen engagement, etc.). She will be our main contact for financial matters and reporting accountabilities, and will provide leadership in the network's administrative office.

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Based out of Montreal, Quebec



Christine Marcotte, BA, MA
Communications Manager

Christine joined the team in July 2016 and brings 15 years of experience as a corporate communications professional to our network. Prior to joining CHILD-BRIGHT, she worked as a Global Communications Manager at CAE Inc. and consulted in the non-profit sector. Christine holds BAs in English and French from Queen's University and a Master's in Journalism from the University of Western Ontario. She will oversee all internal and external communications for the network and promote citizen engagement under the leadership of Dr. Annette Majnemer.

Christine is currently working on establishing our network's brand identity, steering the creation of our new website, establishing our communication tools and channels, will draft content to promote our work and will be your general point of contact for all communication needs and requests.

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Michelle Marquis, BSc (Kin), MPH
Knowledge Translation Officer

Michelle joined the team in July 2016 shortly after completing her Master in Public Health from l'Université de Montréal. During her studies, she worked at the Public Health Agency of Canada and explored the process of knowledge mobilization and adaptation, and how these approaches influence knowledge use. Her previous work enables her to identify, develop, implement and evaluate knowledge translation (KT) strategies in the CHILD-BRIGHT Network. Michelle holds a BSc in Kinesiology from McGill University and a Master in Public Health with a concentration in Health Promotion from l'Université de Montréal.

Michelle is currently identifying areas for planning and improving KT strategies across the network under the leadership of Dr. Keiko Shikako-Thomas and Dr. Jonathan Weiss, KT program co-chairs. She will also work closely with Christine, the Communications Manager, to develop promotional and educational materials to advance KT capacity and effectiveness. Michelle will be your general point of contact for all KT events and stakeholder engagement activities.

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Sossy Sahakian, BSc, MSc
Research Assistant

Sossy has been part of Dr. Annette Majnemer's research lab at the RI-MUHC since December 2015. She has been enthusiastically working for the CHILD-BRIGHT Network since CIHR has given us this wonderful opportunity. Prior to joining the lab, she was working as a teaching assistant at McGill University while finishing her Master's degree. Sossy holds a BS in Microbiology & Immunology and a Master's in Experimental Surgery/Transplant Immunology from McGill University. She brings to our team a wealthy knowledge of research methods and resourcefulness.

Sossy is already hard at work assisting Dr. Majnemer in her research efforts within the network with Project 3.2 (Transition from Preschool to School Entry) as well as supporting the CHILD-BRIGHT team members with their integration and ongoing efforts at the RI-MUHC.

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Based out of Toronto, Ontario



Dr. Alan Cooper, BSc, PhD
Research Coordinator

Alan has been working with CHILD-BRIGHT since June 2016. He has 8 years of experience conducting basic, discovery neuroscience research and is using this background to help advance clinical and patient-oriented research within the CHILD-BRIGHT Network. He sees many parallels between conducting research and administering research and enjoys working with such a broad spectrum of scientists, clinicians and families. Alan holds a BSc and PhD in Neuroscience from McMaster University.

To date, under the leadership of Dr. Steven Miller, Alan has reviewed each project and set up an internal peer review of projects. This review will ensure that each project is upheld to high scientific standards, that additional collaborations are formed both inside and outside the network, and that investigators incorporate sex- and gender-based considerations into their project.

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Based out of Vancouver, BC



Pierre Zwiegers, BS, MS
Training Coordinator

Pierre came onboard in August 2016 after completing a Master's degree investigating the utility of a potential gene therapy within the context of a familial model of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. Prior to this, his research efforts were focused on assessing putative environmental triggers predisposing the central nervous system to pathological insults. He has more than 5 years of experience designing and delivering workshops targeting impediments to student academic success, as well as facilitating the delivery of

undergraduate cellular biology coursework. Pierre holds both a BS in Biology specializing in Cell Biology & Genetics and a MS in Experimental Medicine from the University of British Columbia.

In the role of Training Coordinator, under the leadership of Dr. Dan Goldowitz, Pierre will be working with the Training Committee to identify, develop, and realize CHILD-BRIGHT's training program in a manner that actively engages all stakeholder groups. To date, Pierre has become familiarized with the network's objectives and has begun the process of aiding in the assessment of complementary patient-oriented training programs.

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Our team is hard at work setting up our functions, governance and projects, and we will keep you up-to-date on the progress of our work. In the meantime, please help us in welcoming our team. Thank you!

Dr. Annette Majnemer, Dr. Steven Miller and Dr. Dan Goldowitz