



**Conference of the
Interdisciplinary Research Laboratory on the Rights of the Child (IRLRC)**

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

8:30 am to 3 pm

**Desmarais Hall, 55 Laurier Avenue East, Room 12102 (12th Floor)
University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario**

“Child Rights Implications of the Legalization of Cannabis”

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

**Presentations are delivered in English (E) or in French (F).
There is no simultaneous interpretation.**

- 8:30 Welcome and registration.
- 9:00 Welcome and introductory presentations:
- Welcome by the IRLRC
- Introduction to the new legislation –
*Youth Justice and Strategic Initiatives, Department of Justice,
Government of Canada*
- Introduction to children’s rights -
Kathy Vandergrift, Consultant and Child Rights Advocate – Chair and
President, *Canadian Coalition for the Rights of Children* (E)
- 9:45 Expert Panel 1: Law and Policy
- Eugene Oscapella, Part-time Professor, Faculty of Social Sciences,
Department of Criminology, University of Ottawa (F)
- Mary Birdsell, Executive Director and Lawyer, *Justice for Children and
Youth* (E)

Marino Francispillai, Program Manager, School & Community Mental Health and Wellness, *Ottawa Public Health* (E)

HEALTH BREAK: 10:45 – 11:00

11:00 Expert Panel 2: Health and Education

Petra Duschner, Manager, Mental Health, *Ottawa Carleton District School Board* (E)

Diane Riley, Policy Analyst, *Canadian Foundation for Drug Policy* and Assistant Professor, *Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto* (E)

LUNCH: 12:00 - 13:00

13:00 Youth Panel

14:00 Discussion with young people, experts and audience

15:00 End of the Conference

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