



Encyclopedia on Early Childhood Development

Biography Harriet MacMillan

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Harriet MacMillan is a psychiatrist and pediatrician conducting research on the prevention of violence against children and women. She is the editor of the child maltreatment theme of the *Encyclopedia on Early Childhood Development*, the leading resource of the best and most up-to-date knowledge available on the development of young children (0-5). She is also a member of the Offord Centre for Child Studies, a Distinguished University Professor in the Departments of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences, and of Pediatrics at McMaster University with associate membership in the Department of Health Research Methods, Evidence, and Impact. She holds the Chedoke Health Chair in Child Psychiatry.

Harriet works closely with organizations such as the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) and the World Health Organization (WHO); she has served as Co-Chair of the WHO Guidelines Development Group for the WHO Guidelines for the Health Sector Response to Child Maltreatment. Harriet is Lead of the VEGA (Violence, Evidence, Guidance, Action) Project, which developed evidence-based guidance and online resources to assist healthcare and social service providers in recognizing and responding to family violence, including intimate partner violence and child maltreatment.

From 1993 to 2004, Harriet was the founding Director of the Child Advocacy and Assessment Program (CAAP) at McMaster Children's Hospital, a multidisciplinary team committed to reducing the burden of suffering associated with family violence. She continues to see patients as a member of CAAP in providing assessments of children and families and consultations to child protection agencies.

Recognized for her in-depth knowledge of child maltreatment issues, she is frequently called upon to speak out on this subject in the media.

Harriet was appointed as a member of the Order of Canada in 2016.

