

2020 International Signs of Safety Gathering

19–21 October The Gathering
22 October Leaders' Day

Calgary, Canada



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9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Hyatt Regency Calgary

700 Centre Street SE,
Calgary
Alberta, T2G 5P6 CANADA

Leaders' Day

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Metropolitan Conference Centre Calgary

333 4th Avenue SW,
Calgary
Alberta, T2P 0H9 CANADA

Registration

Gathering: C\$1195.00

Dinner/Dance: C\$155.00

Leaders' Day: C\$435.00

*(or C\$280.00 if purchased with a
Gathering registration)*

Register online at

signsofsafety.net/2020-gathering

Payment can be made by
credit card and bank
(wire) transfer

We are excited to announce that the 13th International Signs of Safety Gathering will be held in Calgary, Canada, co-hosted by Alberta Children's Services.

Join us to hear presentations from child protection practitioners and leaders from around the globe. This Gathering will also feature presentations from many Canadian practitioners working in Alberta Children's Services who, with their leaders, will describe their use of the Signs of Safety in the implementation of the approach.

Calgary is a city that is rich with beautiful landscapes, picturesque skylines and vibrant sights. Calgary offers a vast selection of captivating events and immersive experiences, year-round. Calgaryans are known to be the ultimate hosts and we are sure to have a wonderful Gathering in this dynamic city.

Signs of Safety Gatherings are unique because they celebrate good child protection practice through presentations from practitioners and from leaders who are supporting them.

Focusing on success creates hope and inspiration for child protection professionals and renews our enthusiasm for the work. Join us at the 2020 Signs of Safety Gathering in Calgary and be part of changing the child protection story.

This Gathering will feature presentations from:

- Leading international Signs of Safety practitioners and agencies
- Alberta Children's Services child protection professionals presenting their work from their implementation
- Senior leaders sharing their experiences, reflections and strategies for system-wide implementation

Practice-Focused Presentations

Spread over Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, there are approximately 30 presentation slots for agencies and practitioners that will focus primarily on front-line practice. Other topics will include implementation experiences and strategies and results of the latest research on Signs of Safety that has been undertaken. The Gathering will conclude by 4:30pm on 21 October 2020.



Dinner/Dance Party

Feedback from previous Gatherings tells us that some of the best learning happens through the conversations and connections that are made around the formal program, and so we will continue the tradition of having a party at the venue on the Tuesday evening (starting 7:00pm) with dinner and live music.

This event has been a real highlight of past Gatherings and will include a fabulous band who are guaranteed to get us up dancing.

Places to this event are limited, so we recommend booking early. This can be done as an option when booking for the Gathering.

Signs of Safety Leaders' Day

Forging organisations that support the practice

Thursday 22 October

Grand Ballroom, Metropolitan Conference Centre, Calgary

Practitioners have been contributing to the evolution of the Signs of Safety approach for over 25 years. While the approach makes sense to social workers and they want to use it, the biggest challenge to actually applying the Signs of Safety in practice lies in transforming the compliance driven culture and operations of their child protection organisations to align with participatory practice. This is simple to say but so very hard to achieve. Organisational change depends on determined, courageous and intelligent whole system leadership.

Over the past 12 years, large scale implementations of the Signs of Safety have been undertaken across the world. Working together with these agencies and their leaders we have distilled the lessons of this international effort into a clear, whole system framework for organisational implementation. In this Leaders' Day, presenters will share their experience in Signs of Safety implementation.

This will be a unique learning opportunity for children's services leaders to come together in Calgary with international colleagues to share experiences and draw inspiration from the presenters to strengthen our efforts to forge organisations that can support participatory Signs of Safety practice.

Accommodation

Hyatt Regency Calgary

(Gathering venue)

700 Centre Street SE

Calgary, Alberta, T2G 5P6, CANADA

T: +1 403 717 1234

Rooms starting at: C\$239

(exclusive of applicable taxes and service fees)

Room bookings open on 1st October 2019.

To book rooms at the above rate, go to [hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/CALRC/G-ELIA](https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/CALRC/G-ELIA) or call +1 403 717 1234 and quote "G-ELIA"



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