

Division Reports 2020-21

Division of Child and Youth Mental Health

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The Division now consists of over 140 faculty with a special interest in the developmental psychopathology of children and youth (and their families). The Division continues to grow its research portfolio and the sub-specialty program continues to attract more residents than it is able to accept. With the implementation of competency by design, the sub-specialty program formulated a new rotation structure for residents, a new curriculum and seminar series, and initiated training in CBD for faculty. Implementation has also incorporated the values of the Division (leadership, capacity building, advocacy and scholarship) as formulated by our branding exercise into the admissions process and the curriculum.

The Child and Youth Mental Health Collaborative continues to be a forum for working together to improve the delivery of services to children and youth with a range of mental health challenges and for the building of a community of scholars dedicated to improving mental health outcomes for this vulnerable population. Key activities this year included a focus on coordination of acute care services across the city, in-patient bed flow between different hospitals, measurement based care, and the use of technology to facilitate access and research. The Division also made a strong commitment to ensuring that our services and educational programs are sensitive to issues of equity, diversity and inclusion.

