

General information: Quantitative Methods for Aboriginal Child Welfare Research
May 19th-22nd, 2009
McGill University, Montreal

The Centre for Research on Children and Families is offering an introduction to the Aboriginal component of the Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect and SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences). The goals of the workshop are to enable participants to gain the skills needed to conduct, interpret and present basic analyses of quantitative data.

In order to attend the workshop, we ask that you complete the one page application form and attach a one page description of your research project or interests. If you wish to be considered for funding, please complete the one page form "application for reimbursement". *Please note that all participants are expected to pay for expenses up front and if approved, will be reimbursed approximately one month after the workshop.*

The workshop will be structured around hands-on work in a computer lab. A tentative schedule of the workshop is below:

May 19th:

- 9-12 am: Opening ceremony, introductions and expectations, presentation on the context and findings of the First Nations component of the Canadian Incidence Study
- 12-1 pm: Lunch provided on-site
- 1-4 pm: Introduction to survey data, SPSS and workshop datasets (computer lab)
- 4-4:30 pm: Closing discussion

May 20th:

- 9-12 am: Identifying research questions, creating/manipulating variables (computer lab)
- 12- 1 pm: Lunch on your own
- 1-4 pm: Univariate analyses - describing central tendency & dispersion (computer lab)
- 4-4:30 pm: Closing discussion
- 4:30-6 pm: Meet and Greet reception (McGill Faculty Club)

May 21st:

- 9-12 am: Bivariate analyses – crosstabs, means comparisons, chi square (computer lab)
- 12 – 1 pm: Optional – Roundtable sharing of experiences with Incoming Indigenous Access McGill BSW students
- 1-4 pm: Presenting research – structure, conventions and tips (computer lab)
- 4-4:30pm: Closing discussion

May 22nd:

- 9-12 am: Introduction to the logic of multivariate analysis (computer lab)
- 12-1 pm: Lunch provided on-site
- 1-4 pm: Full presentation of First Nations CIS findings, review of expectations, closing ceremony

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