

# #CundillAtCAMH

The Youth Perspective



# The Cundill Conference

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the Cundill Centre for Child and Youth Depression held its first conference at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto. Over 300 people attended, including policy makers, clinicians, researchers, **youth** and their family members.



# Photo Activity

Youth who attended were asked to participate in a photo activity:

## **Snap a picture**

Over the course of the day, when you see something that gets you thinking, that you find interesting or important or that is really meaningful to you, snap a pic of the slide or presenter!

At the end of the conference please email your pictures to us and we will compile all of the things you found most interesting.

Thanks!

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Here are the photos youth took...

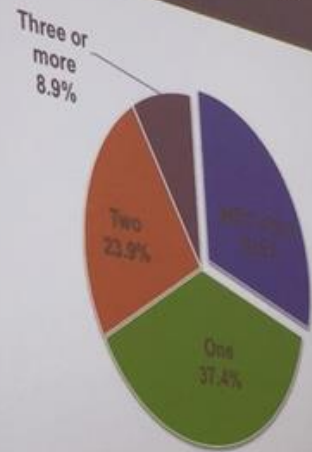


DSM-IV Dx	Lifetime	12 month
ADHD	70.4 (7.7)	37.3 (3.6)
Conduct	70.4 (4.5)	45.9 (4.0)
Mood	57.0 (2.0)	35.4 (3.0)
Anxiety	42.3 (1.9)	22.3 (2.4)
Total	43.3 (1.6)	35.0 (3.5)

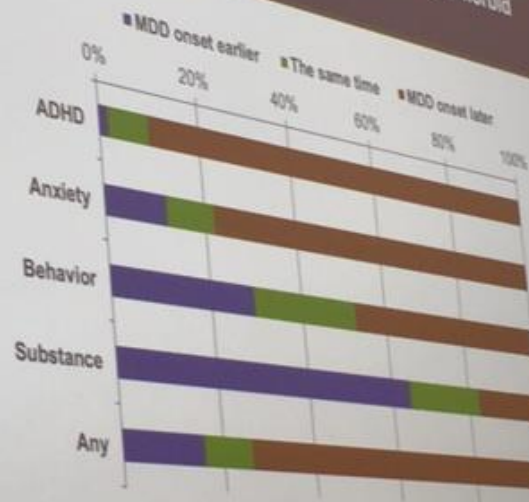
**“I’m interested in mood, anxiety, and psychotic disorders and I wanted to understand how those are treated and more importantly, how to prevent them.”**

**- Youth participant**

N of Classes of Disorders among those with  
MDD, NCS-A



# Temporal Order of MDD and Other Classes of Comorbid Disorders NCS-A



Substance Use as a Consequence of Mood Disorder  
 Subtypes: Zurich Cohort Study

	Alcohol	
Major depressive disorder	1.8 (0.6-2.9)	2.2 (0.7-7.2)
Manic symptoms	2.4 (1.2-4.8)	4.4 (1.6-12.7)
Bipolar II disorder	9.1 (2.7-31.2)	21.1 (6.6-67.5)
No. of years	1.0 (1.0-1.1)	1.1 (1.1-1.2)
Male sex	6.3 (3.0-13.4)	12.5 (5.1-30.5)

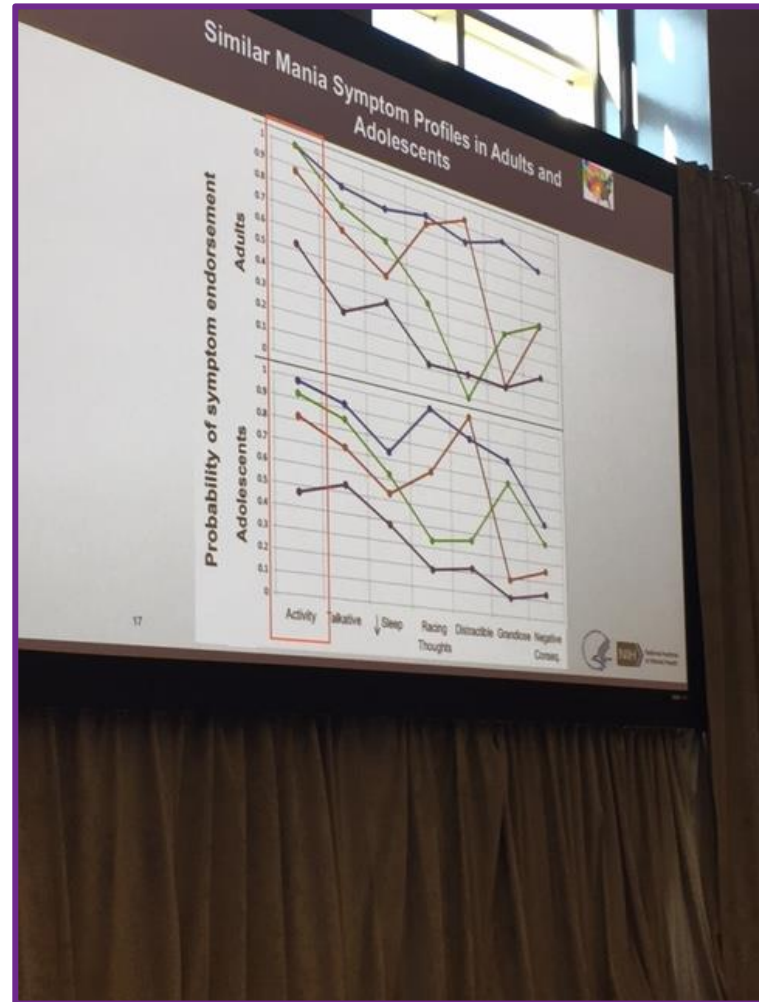
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No. of years	1.0 (1.0-1.0)	1.0 (1.0-1.0)





I didn't know about any of the symptoms for people at risk for psychosis before, and I found the info provided really improved my understanding.

- *Youth participant*



## Sleep Duration & Mental Health among Adolescents (NCS-A)

MENTAL HEALTH		
	≤ 7 hours	> 8 hours
Suicidality	1.7*	0.8
Perceived Mental Health	1.5*	0.8
Mood Disorder	2.1*	0.9
Anxiety Disorder	1.3	1.1
Substance Disorder	1.7*	1.1
Any Mental Disorder	1.6*	1.1

### Familial Risk and Heritability of Mood Disorders

Subtype	Risk Ratios	Heritability
Bipolar Disorder	7-10	0.60-0.95
Major Depression	2-3	0.28-0.40

- ❑ To date, there are no replicated biomarkers or genes that are specifically associated with Major Depression
- ❑ This is likely attributable to the heterogeneity of depression and its core features
- ❑ In fact, prospective data shows that inflammatory markers may be a consequence of depression and its correlates

Merikangas et al, 2013



## Clinical High Risk Syndromes



### Attenuated Psychotic Symptom Syndrome

- Subthreshold psychotic symptoms
- Symptoms have begun or worsened in the past year
- Symptoms occur on a weekly basis



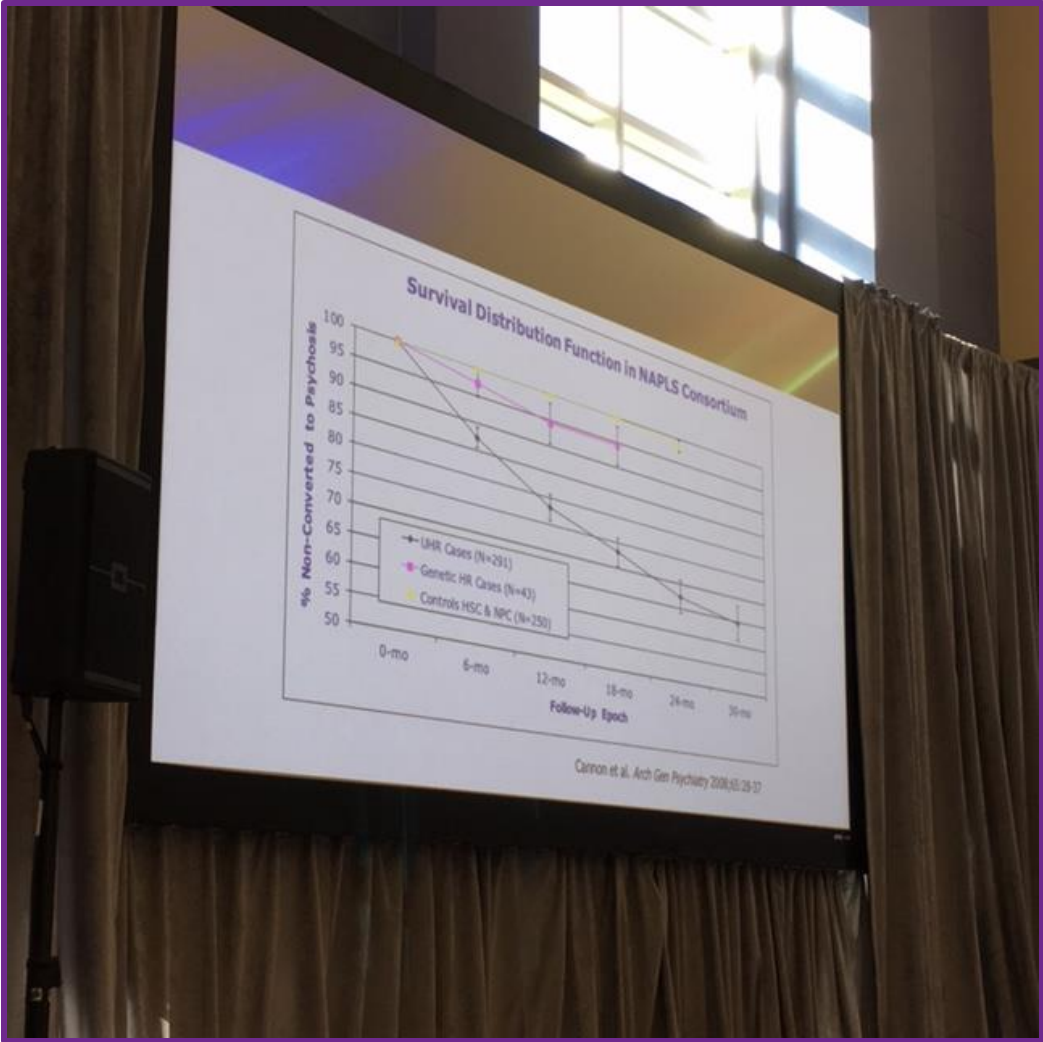
### Genetic Risk & Deterioration Syndrome

- Parent/sibling with psychosis; functional decline in last year
- Schizotypal personality disorder



### Brief Intermittent Psychosis

- Very brief psychotic symptoms that resolve spontaneously
- Symptoms not seriously disorganizing or dangerous



## Variable Transition Rates

- Meta-analysis of 2502 individuals at clinical high risk of psychosis
- Transition rates:
  - 18% @ 6 months
  - 22% @ 12 months
  - 29% @ 24 months
  - 36% @ 36 months
- Decline in 1-year transition rates from 30-16% (approx.)
  - Less symptomatic
  - More treatment

## Presenting Concerns & Difficulties

- Symptomatic
- High level of depression and anxiety
- Range of comorbid diagnoses
- Functioning deficits often equivalent to those seen in FE
  - premorbid social functioning
  - current social and role functioning
  - social cognition
- Cognitive performance
  - profiles intermediate to normal control and FE psychosis cohorts across domains of attention, memory and executive ability

Addington & Heinsen (2011)

## What do we know about those who do not convert?

- 15%-35% develop a psychotic illness
- Non-converters
  - ½ continue to have attenuated positive symptoms
  - ½ have remission of attenuated positive symptoms
  - All still have on average poor functioning



## Treatments: Pharmacotherapy

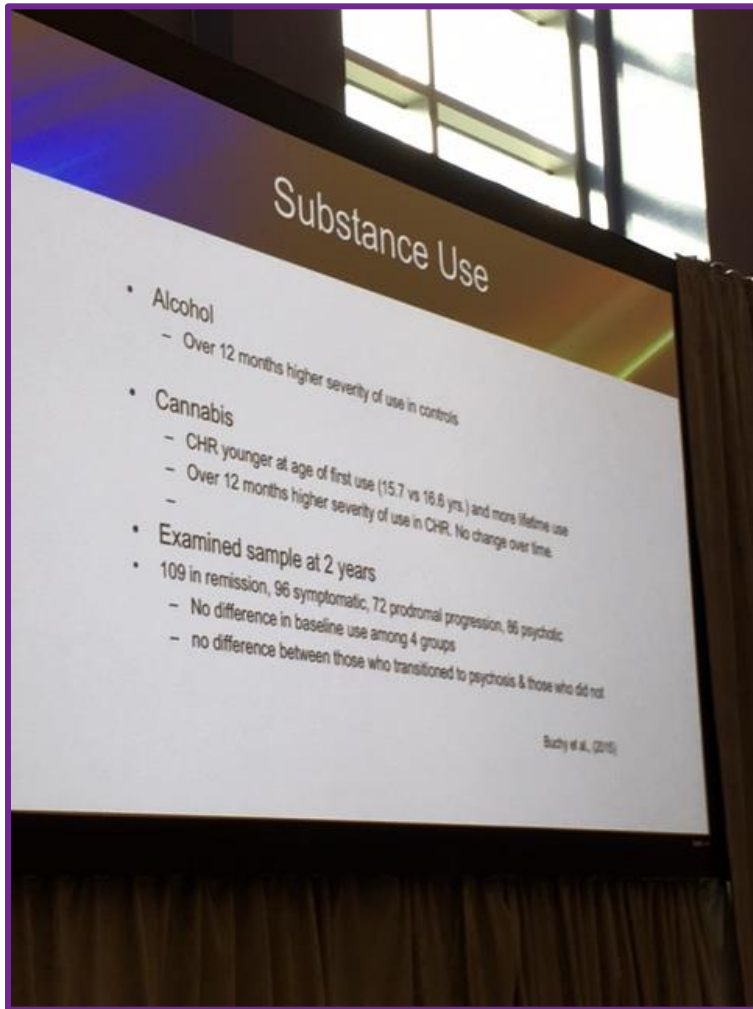
- Antipsychotics
  - 4 RCTS, 2 open trials
  - effective in reducing conversion by about 50%
  - high rate of dropouts
  - concerns with side effects
- OMEGA - 3
  - 5% versus 28% conversion rate in the Amminger study
  - needs replication

## Criteria and Symptoms

- Criteria
  - APPS - 92%
  - GRD only - 5%
  - BIPS only - 1%
- Symptoms
  - Unusual thought content - 80%
  - Perceptual abnormalities - 74%
  - Suspiciousness - 65%
  - Disorganized communication - 30%
  - Grandiosity - 16%

## Depression

- Depression associated with increased suspiciousness, negative symptoms, sleep problems, poor stress tolerance
- Current mood contributed beyond the impact of positive and negative symptoms to poor social functioning
- Those with remitted depression had less severe negative symptoms and better social functioning than those with current depression.
- Baseline depression not significantly associated with later transition to psychosis



**I was very interested in how these disorders affect general functioning and substance abuse, as those are two aspects of life that are very visible in my high school.**

**- *Youth participant***

## Social Functioning Task Force

- Measures
  - Premorbid functioning scale
  - Global Functioning Scales for social and role
  - Social problem solving
- Outcome
  - CHR present with poor social and role functioning
  - Evidence that it plays an important role in later outcome and transition to psychosis

## Neurocognition Task Force

- Measures
  - WASI, WRAT 4, MATRICS, Auditory CPT, UPSIT
- CHR significantly impaired on almost all tasks compared to healthy controls
- Declarative memory and verbal ability significantly predicted time to conversion to psychosis, in association with unusual thought content and suspiciousness

## Treatment Task Force

- Collect comprehensive treatment logs that span the duration of the study
  - Medications
  - Psychosocial treatments
  - Resource utilization
- 80% received prior psychosocial treatment
  - Average of 46 sessions over 79 weeks

## NAPLS-2 Psychosis Risk Calculator

- 764 help-seeking individuals at clinical risk for psychosis
- 81 (11%) transitioned to psychosis within one year
- 7 variables improve positive predictive power to 0.72

- Verbal memory
- Stressful life events
- Traumatic events
- Unusual thoughts, suspiciousness
- Decline in social functioning
- Family history of psychosis

Patient's age (years)

Change in BACS-1 Total Raw Score

Change in CANT-1 Total Raw Score

The substance use severity score

Number of types of social activities

Change in Global social functioning in one year in months

Have first degree relative with a psychotic illness?

Yes

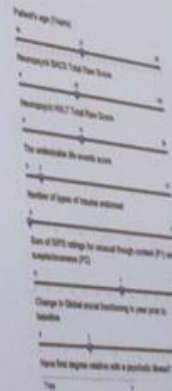
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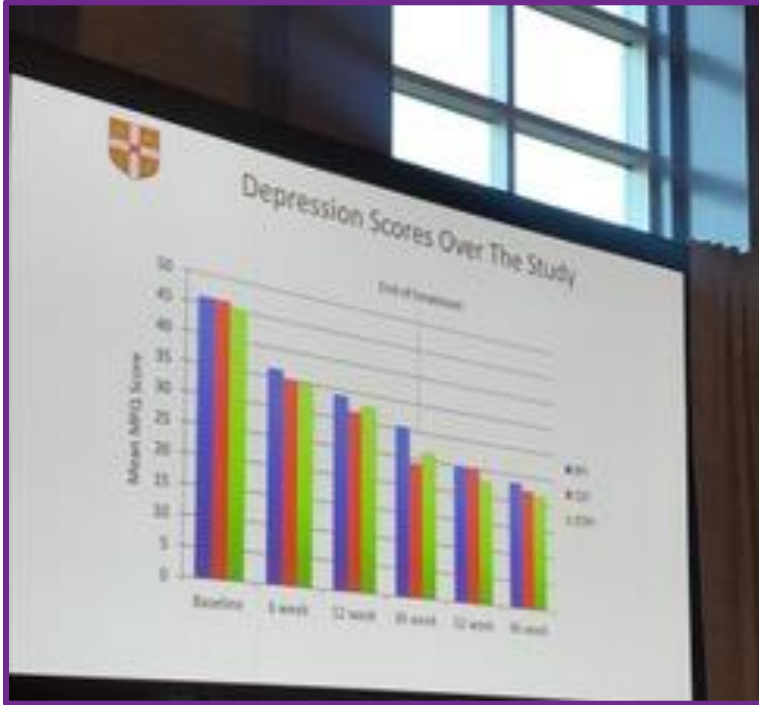
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## Cognitive Behavioral Social Skills Training (CBSST)

- **Cognitive Module:**
  - Cognitive behavioral therapy is the main focus of this module and CBT techniques are also used throughout the Social Skills and Problem Solving Modules
- **Social Skills Training Module:**
  - The primary goal of this module is to improve communication and interpersonal skills (e.g., how to be an active listener).
- **Problem Solving Module:**
  - Basic problem solving skills are taught using the acronym, **SCALE** – Specify the problem, Consider all possible solutions, Assess the best possible solution, Lay out a plan, and Execute and Evaluate the outcome.



This humour is why I  
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[@DrJLHenderson](#) lol!  
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- *Youth participant*

