

## PROJECT TITLE

One Voice: First International Symposium on Pediatric Concussion

## TEAM MEMBERS

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## ORGANIZATIONS/ PROGRAMS

- Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital
- Concussion Centre, BRI
- Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières
- Ontario Neurotrauma Foundation
- Réseau Provincial de Recherche en Adaptation-Réadaptation

## RATIONALE

- The pediatric concussion experience is not the same as the adult concussion experience
- International initiatives to date focused mainly on adults and college/university aged athletes
- Little efforts to bring all stakeholder voices together for biggest impact
- A need to create a venue to bring together experts from research, healthcare, education, youth and sport communities to:
  - a) share knowledge;
  - b) promote collaboration (working together);
  - c) build consensus to determine how to best meet the growing needs of all those impacted by pediatric concussion (e.g. youth, parents, coaches, teachers, researchers, healthcare professionals, organizations)



Bringing the world together to better support children and youth to do the things they need, want and love to do after a concussion



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## WHAT WE DID

- Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital hosted *One Voice: the 1st International Symposium on Pediatric Concussion* (June 2015)
- *One Voice* brought together champions in clinical, research, education, youth and sport communities. Partnerships across Canada, the United States, New Zealand, and Australia were formed through 63 leaders working towards an action plan to help children with concussion.
- A pre-symposium webinar series
- A two day symposium
- Collaborative creation of a 5-year action plan to help children with concussion do the things they want, need and love to do

## OUTCOME

Three strategic directions were identified:

- *Connecting Kids to Care*: building and connecting networks, making better use of existing resources, and design a care system that can be easily accessed
- *Moving Facts Forward*: create knowledge and develop a plan to effectively share information
- *Driving Big Change*: Develop an informed media and awareness campaign

## NEXT STEPS

This project led to:

- An international 'Community of Practice' and a second international symposium (May 2017)
- Guidance for pediatric concussion research, education and clinical care around the world
- International dissemination through conference presentations and publications