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Priorities for child and adolescent mental health research and services in South Africa

Date: 11 March 2022
Time: 12:30 to 14:00
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Venue: Zoom (link to be provided upon registration)

BACKGROUND

Children and adolescents under the age of 18 years comprise 34% of the population, and child and adolescent Mental, Neurological and Substance Use (MNS) disorders are common and an important cause of disability and distress. Providers at all levels should be competent to screen for and identify common childhood mental disorders, which usually present with developmental delay, emotional and/or behavioural symptoms and/or learning difficulties. Given the burden of disease, the fact that many mental disorders begin in childhood, and that early intervention is most effective in childhood and adolescence, it is essential that effective promotion, prevention, treatment, care and rehabilitation interventions should be provided for children and adolescents. In this webinar, hosted by the Academy of Science of South Africa, leading experts in child and adolescent mental health will present their priorities for child and adolescent mental health services and research in South Africa.

MODERATOR:

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SPEAKERS:

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