



WELCOME

to the

*Impact of Socio-Environmental Factors on
Lifelong Brain Health in Preterm Infants*

Conference

September 24th & 25th, 2026

SCHEDULE

OVERVIEW

Day 1 – September 24, 2026

08:00-09:00	Registration & Breakfast
09:00-09:30	Welcome & Land Acknowledgement
	The importance of the home environment for lifelong brain health in preterm infants
09:30-10:30	Neurodevelopmental outcomes in preterm infants
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-12:15	What outcomes are most meaningful for families?
12:15-13:00	Lunch
13:00-13:45	Child health inequities
13:45-15:00	Novel methods to understand impact of social-environmental factors on outcomes
15:00-15:15	Break
15:15-16:00	Training and Capacity-building: Insights from ENRICH
16:00-16:15	Close & Overview of Next Day
16:15-18:00	Break
18:00-20:00	Networking Event

Day 2 – September 25, 2026

08:00-09:00	Breakfast
09:00-09:45	Social-Environmental Factors and Brain Health: Insights from neuroimaging studies in a cohort of healthy infants
09:45-10:30	Social-environmental interventions to promote child health
10:30-11:45	From Evidence to Impact: Advancing Research, Practice, and Policy
11:45-12:00	Break
12:00-13:00	Department of Pediatrics Grand Rounds: Health and social determinants of neurodevelopmental and educational outcomes following preterm birth
13:00-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:30	Working Groups: Research & translation into clinical care & policies
15:30-15:45	Concluding Remarks and Next Steps

SESSIONS

Day 1 - September 24, 2026

The importance of the home environment for lifelong brain health in preterm infants

9:00 - 9:30

Steven P. Miller

University of British Columbia



Neurodevelopmental outcomes in preterm infants

9:30 - 10:30

Long-term neurodevelopmental outcomes in preterm infants: setting the stage

Jessie van Dyk

University of British Columbia



Neurodevelopmental follow-up and interventions for preterm infants: current standards

Thuy Mai Luu

Université de Montréal



Upcoming Research

Eleanor Brian & Victoria Rapos

University of British Columbia



What outcomes are most meaningful for families?

10:45 - 12:15

Defining What Matters: Family Perspectives on Outcomes of Extreme Prematurity

Rebecca Pearce



Growing up preterm: perspectives from adolescents and their families

Daniela Valenzuela

University of British Columbia



Parent Panel: Nurturing development in and beyond the NICU

Tom Wiebe, Lauren Mathany, Carleigh Benoit



-Lunch break-

Considering (and Reconsidering) the Fundamentals of Child Health Equity Research

13:00 - 13:45

Arjumand Siddiqi

University of Toronto



Novel Methods to Understand Impact of Social-Environmental Factors on Outcomes

13:45 - 15:00

Neuroimaging

Emma Duerden

Western University



Social exposome

Michael Kobor

University of British Columbia



Network-Science

Andrea Jones

University of British Columbia



Training and Capacity Building: ENRICH

15:15 - 16:00

Susan Samuel

University of British Columbia



Networking Social

6pm-10pm

W 33rd Ave, Seasons in the Park Restaurant: Garden Room Vista

SESSIONS

Day 2 - September 25, 2026

Social-Environmental Factors and Brain Health: Insights from Neuroimaging studies in a cohort of healthy infants

9:00 - 9:45

Regina Triplett
Washington University



Social-environmental Interventions to Promote Child Health

9:45 - 10:30

From Risk to Relationship: Interventing to Improve Outcomes After Preterm Birth

Tricia Williams
University of Toronto



Supporting Children's Outdoor and Risky Play - Why It's Important Now More Than Ever

Hebah Hussaina
University of British Columbia



From Evidence to Impact: Advancing Research, Practice, and Policy

10:30 - 11:45

Margarine, Mentors, and Masterpieces: Reshaping Healthcare with Implementation Science

Stephanie Glegg
University of British Columbia



Beyond the Evidence: Ensuring Health Research Has Impact

Christine Chambers
Dalhousie University



Translating Research into Policy: Navigating from Niche to National Impact

Ryan Voisin
Children's Healthcare Canada



Health and social determinants of neurodevelopmental and educational outcomes following preterm birth

12:00 - 13:00

James Boardman
UBC Department of Pediatrics Grand Rounds



- Lunch break -

Working groups: Research & Translation into clinical care & policies

13:30 - 15:30

Concluding remarks and next steps

15:30 - 15:45

ADDITIONAL INFO

Conference Location:

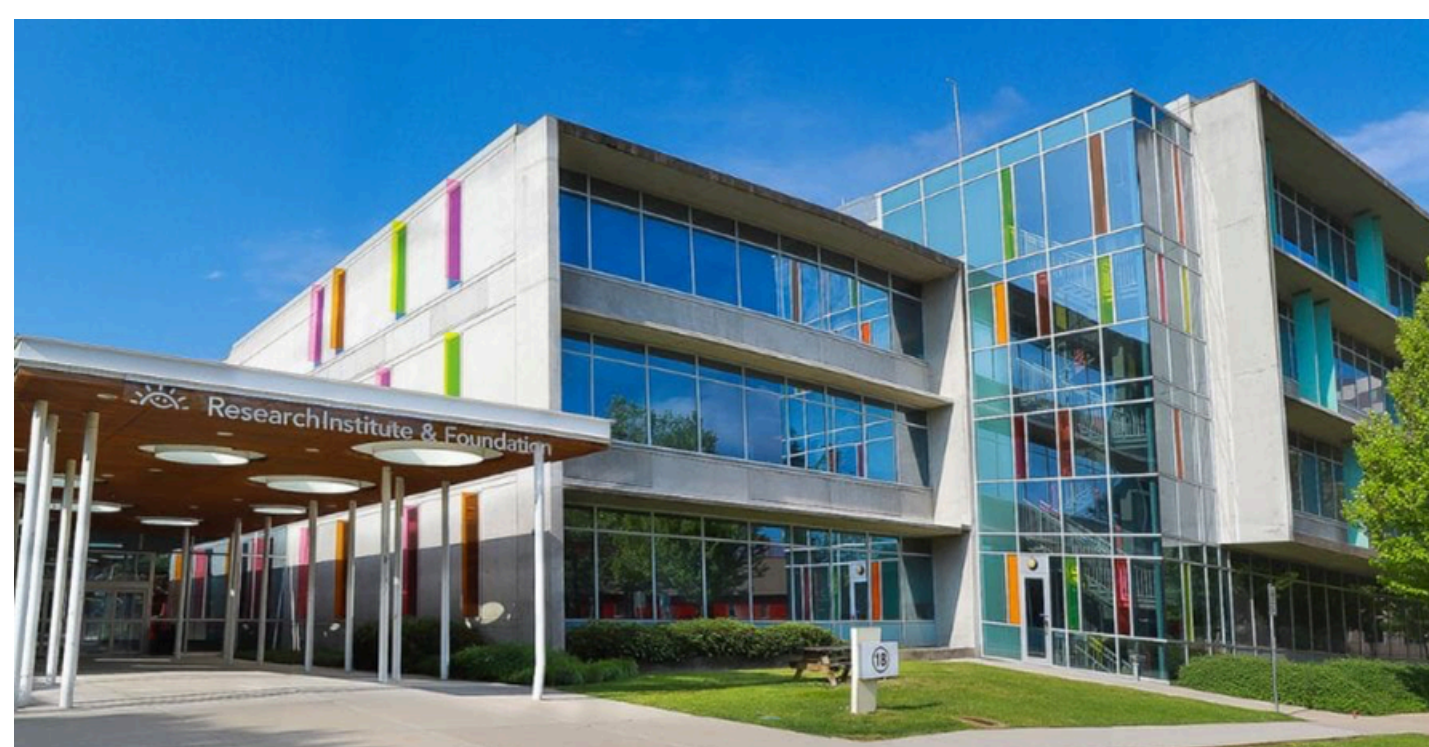
BC Children's Hospital, Research Institute
Chan Auditorium
938 W 28th Ave, Vancouver



If entering through entrance 18, once through doors turn left and the Chan Auditorium will be the first room on your left.

Registration and food/drink will be located directly in front.

Please note there is NO FOOD OR DRINK allowed in the Chan Auditorium, please finish all food and beverages before entering.

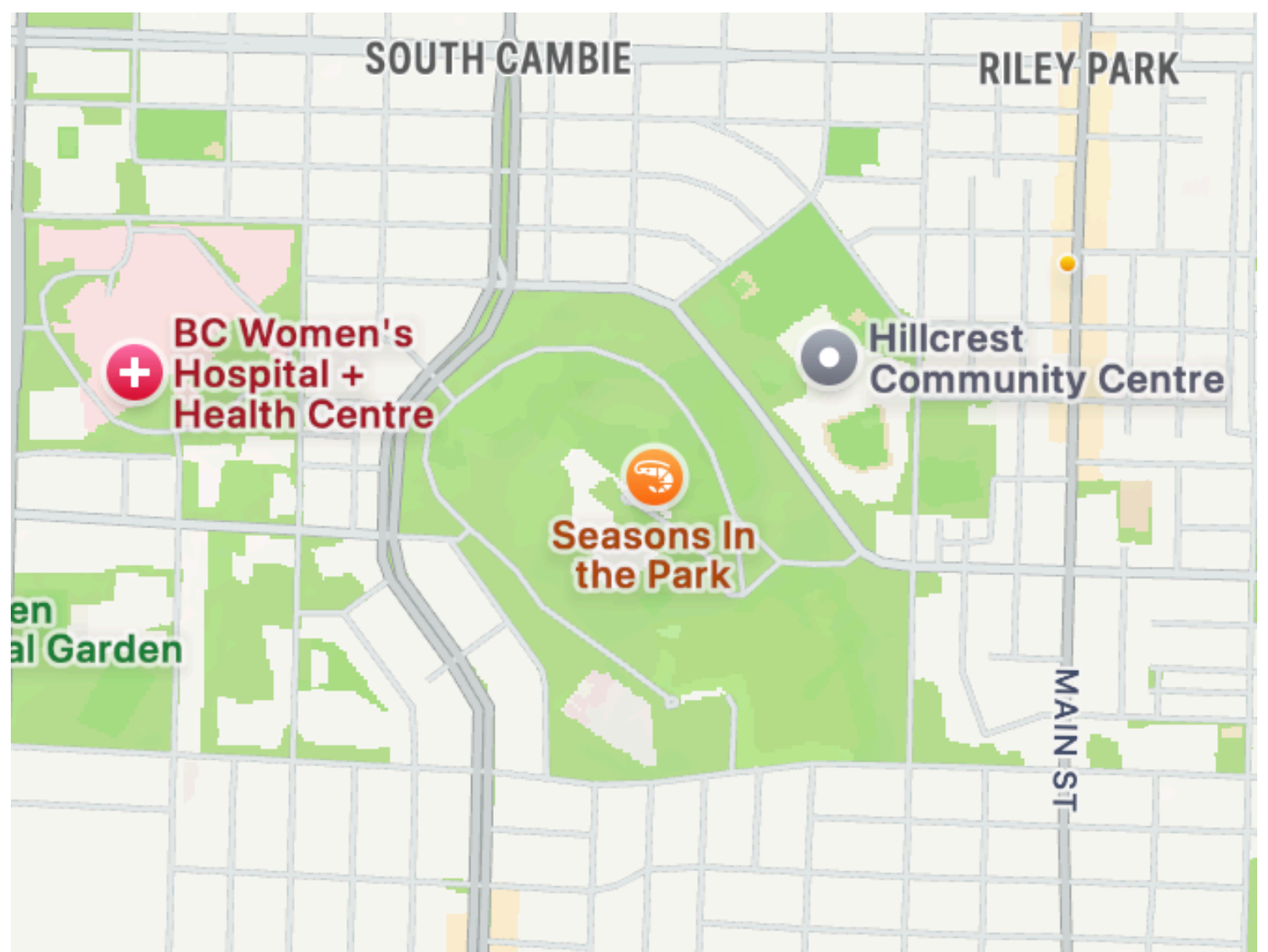
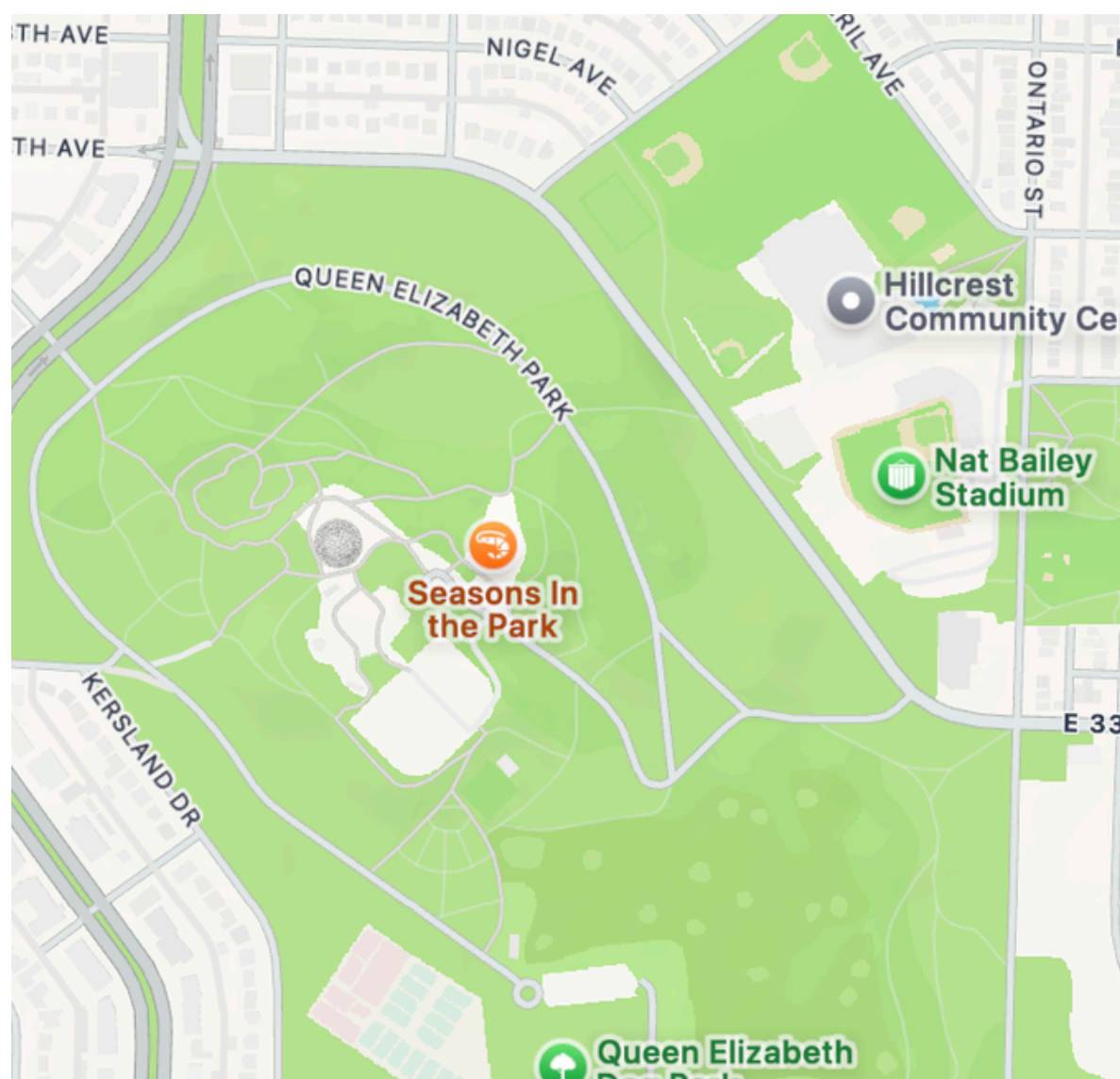


ADDITIONAL INFO

Networking Social Location:

Seasons in the Park Restaurant, Garden Vista Room
Queen Elizabeth Park, W 33rd Ave, Vancouver

Please join us between 6:00-10:00 pm for an evening of refreshments, appetizers, and beautiful Vancouver scenery!



Seasons in the Park is located besides BC Children's Hospital, in Queen Elizabeth Park

If you have yet to book accommodation:
West Coast Suites at UBC



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