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INTEGRATED LAW PRACTICE: A CHILD-RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH TO HEALTH

INDIGENOUS AND CHILDREN'S RIGHTS WEBINAR SERIES

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Despite the declaration of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), far too many impoverished children are denied their right to global health. This webinar aims to change this sad reality, by providing participants with basic knowledge on a unique child-rights-based approach to health called Integrated Law (IL), developed by Helene (Sioui) Trudel, IL lawyer. Three main characteristics of this new law practice will be presented: 1) reading the CRC as a whole; 2) informed participation of the child; and 3) the IL lawyer as part of the transdisciplinary team. This webinar will conclude with examples of fresh social development initiatives put forward by IL lawyers to bring about social justice, equity and the inherent human dignity of the child. The webinar will be followed by a Q & A for 10-15 minutes.

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ABOUT THE PANELIST



Hélène Sioui Trudel is a Montreal lawyer, certified mediator, and founder of an innovative children's-rights-based approach to child health. Building on Dr. Gilles Julien's Community Social Pediatrics model that addresses children's health and development, Hélène goes further by integrating the practice of law and the respect of children's rights enunciated in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. The daughter of a Huron-Wendat mother, Hélène is constantly inspired by Aboriginal ways, culture, and values. She firmly believes that failure to satisfy children's fundamental needs equates to a violation of their rights. In a world where adults often fail children, Hélène is deeply committed to empowering children to advocate for themselves. She has developed several powerful tools that facilitate the informed participation of children in all decision-making processes that concern them, ensuring they have the agency in their own lives based on the respect for all their rights and responsibilities. It includes the Integrated Law Practice, the Protective Circle of the Child, the Garage à musique based on neuroscience, and the legal education program Children Linked to Adults Network (CLAN). Hélène's work has consistently promoted and spearheaded innovative approaches to help build a just and equitable society. She has received many honours, including the inaugural Janusz Korczak Statuette Award for Children's Rights and Quebec's Prix de la Justice.

