

Maternal-infant Child Health and Environment Research Symposium:  
“How Local Research can Influence Policy and Practice”

Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 08:00-17:00 hrs  
Maple Leaf Room, Lister Conference Centre, University of Alberta

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**Poster Presentation:**

**Qualitative Research Core:**

Qualitative research is making important contributions to women and children’s health research, particularly with regards to studies examining the social determinants of health. That is, qualitative methods help researchers broaden understandings of complex social processes and their impact on health, and can shed new light on health practices and outcomes. In order to increase our member’s capacity to conduct qualitative research, the Women and Children’s Health Research Institute has partnered with the Community-University Partnership for the study of Children, Youth and Families [CUP] to provide a Qualitative Research Resource for investigators. Offering consultation and advice on all phases of qualitative and mixed-methods studies, WCHRI’s Qualitative Research resource can help researchers select the proper method, assist with ethics consultation and review, budgeting, recruitment, data collection and analysis strategies, etc. Additionally, the resource can help orient investigators and their research teams to working qualitatively and assist them in ensuring that their research questions receive thorough and rigorous investigation.