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**Presenter**

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**CIRCA Colloquium Series 2014-2015**  
**Family Quality of Life and Autism Spectrum Disorder: Considering Risk and Resilience**

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**Wednesday, February 11, 2015**  
**1:30 - 3:00 pm**

**Neville Scarfe Room 308A**

**[http://ogpr.educ.ubc.ca/Gardiner\\_Feb11\\_2015](http://ogpr.educ.ubc.ca/Gardiner_Feb11_2015)**  
**Light refreshments provided. Feel free to bring your lunch.**

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**T**his session will introduce the Family Quality of Life (FQOL) construct and present the results of a study that examined FQOL among British Columbia families of children and adolescents with ASD. First, the role of child problem and adaptive behaviour was examined in relation to FQOL. Second, family belief systems, communication, and organizational patterns were examined. Finally, a subset of families participated in a follow-up interview to share their perspectives about FQOL. Results will be presented, along with their implications for service delivery and practice. ■

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