



Robert McMahon, PhD

Dr. Robert McMahon has and continues to be a highly productive member of the Society for Prevention Research and has made numerous and important contributions to SPR, including being Editor-in-Chief of the scientific journal, *Prevention Science* for 7 years. He was recruited to the prestigious position of LEEF BC Leadership Chair in Proactive Approaches to Reducing Risk for Violence Among Children and Youth at Simon Fraser University after 23 productive years at the University of Washington. He is also an SFU Professor of Psychology and a Senior Scientist at the British Columbia Children's Hospital.

Dr. McMahon has been instrumental, both nationally and internationally, in establishing high quality basic and intervention/prevention work on parenting and early aggressive behavior. His research has included the study of parenting and the development of treatment models and preventive interventions focused on both risk and protective factors related to parent and childhood aggression as well as assessing the effectiveness of treatments. He has also studied the comprehensive preventive interventions for children with early, serious conduct problems.

Dr. McMahon was one of the primary developers of the Helping the Non-Compliant Child (HNC) program providing extensive training and outreach across the world. His intellectual leadership has also led to the development and implementation of the family-centered intervention component of the FAST Track program, which has been influential in conferring long-term benefits lasting into adulthood to those with highest risk.

For over 30 years, Dr. McMahon has been a co-coordinator of the Banff International Behavioral Science Conferences, a group of researchers, practitioners, and

students for an intensive two-day experience on a critical topic in child psychopathology, with prevention as a major focus. Through these meetings, he has created numerous opportunities for mentoring, leadership and collegial collaboration. He is known to collaborate with many prevention science groups and is valued by all.