Women's & Girls' Health Hub
Centre de Santé des Femmes et des Filles

TRIADIC MENTORSHIP PROGRAM PANEL DISCUSSION

DECEMBER 1, 2026 | 9:30-11:00 AM MST

AVA is pleased to present an upcoming AVA Triadic Mentorship Program (TMP) Panel Discussion exploring the value of triadic mentorship and the opportunities and challenges of bridging academic research with community-based work. The session will bring together perspectives and experiences to highlight the importance of collaboration between academic and community partners in advancing meaningful, impactful work.

MEET THE PANELISTS



Dr. Cara Davidson (She/Her)

PhD, Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, Western University; Incoming Postdoctoral Fellow, Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing, Western University; Researcher specializing in gender-based violence, breast cancer, and trauma- and violence-informed care; Member of the AVA Triadic Mentorship Program since 2024.



Michelle Haywood (She/Her)

BSW, RSW, Managing Director/Program Manager, Elizabeth House; Community Research Partner since 2019; Experienced in community-based research and projects related to gender-based violence.



Dr. Jelena Komanchuk (She/Her)

Assistant Professor, School of Nursing, University of British Columbia Okanagan; Pediatric Registered Nurse; Lead of the NESTED Lab; Researcher specializing in child and family health and development, foster and kinship care, and community-engaged research to support children and families experiencing adversity.



Cheryl Trask (She/Her)

PhD Student in Applied Social Psychology, University of Saskatchewan; Former Participant, AVA Triadic Mentorship Program (2024–2026), in partnership with Family Service Saskatoon; Researcher specializing in recovery following intimate partner violence, women's healing, gender-based violence, and the connections between research, community practice, policy, and advocacy.

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