

Drug Treatment Funding Program (DTFP)

Ontario Systems Projects

**Delivered by Project Leads at the DTFP Ontario Systems Projects
Launch Event**

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Investment areas

The DTFP supports sustainable improvement in the quality and organization of substance abuse treatment systems through investments in the following areas:

IMPLEMENTATION
OF EVIDENCE
INFORMED
PRACTICE

STRENGTHENING
EVALUATION &
PERFORMANCE
MEASUREMENT

LINKAGE &
EXCHANGE

Ontario Systems Projects

Ontario Systems Projects by investment area

Project	Project Lead/Organization
IMPLEMENTATION OF EVIDENCE INFORMED PRACTICE	
Best Practice Assessment Procedures Project	Brian Rush, CAMH
Peer Support Services: Best Practices Project	Janis Cramp, Addictions Ontario
Trauma and Substance Abuse: Developing Best Practice Standards	Nancy Bradley, Jean Tweed Centre

Peer Support Services: Best Practices Project

The development of best practices and tools for front line workers to ensure that peer support services are provided in the best way possible and are appropriately incorporated into the specialized addictions treatment system.

Project Lead: Janis Cramp

How will this project benefit Ontario?

Best Practices are a proven tool to assist agencies in providing services in a consistent, coordinated and integrated way.

They consider client circumstances, address basic needs, reduce barriers and address challenges in a sensitive way.

Best Practices development would help a current system of support to function in a more coordinated and integrated way by optimizing reciprocal benefits:

- Help people who want peer support get connected to peers
- Provide support to peers

Trauma and Substance Abuse: Developing Best Practice Standards

The development of guidelines and core competencies to support addiction workers working with clients who have a history of trauma.

Project Lead: Nancy Bradley

How will this project benefit Ontario?

Best practices guidelines developed through this initiative will, when implemented, lead to improvements in addiction workers' ability to engage and provide appropriate services and referrals to substance-involved women who have experienced trauma.

Once developed these guidelines could be used to develop guidelines for men

Best Practice Assessment Procedures Project

The development and implementation of a revised protocol for the standardized assessment of clients entering the addictions treatment system in Ontario.

Project Lead: Brian Rush

How will this project benefit Ontario?

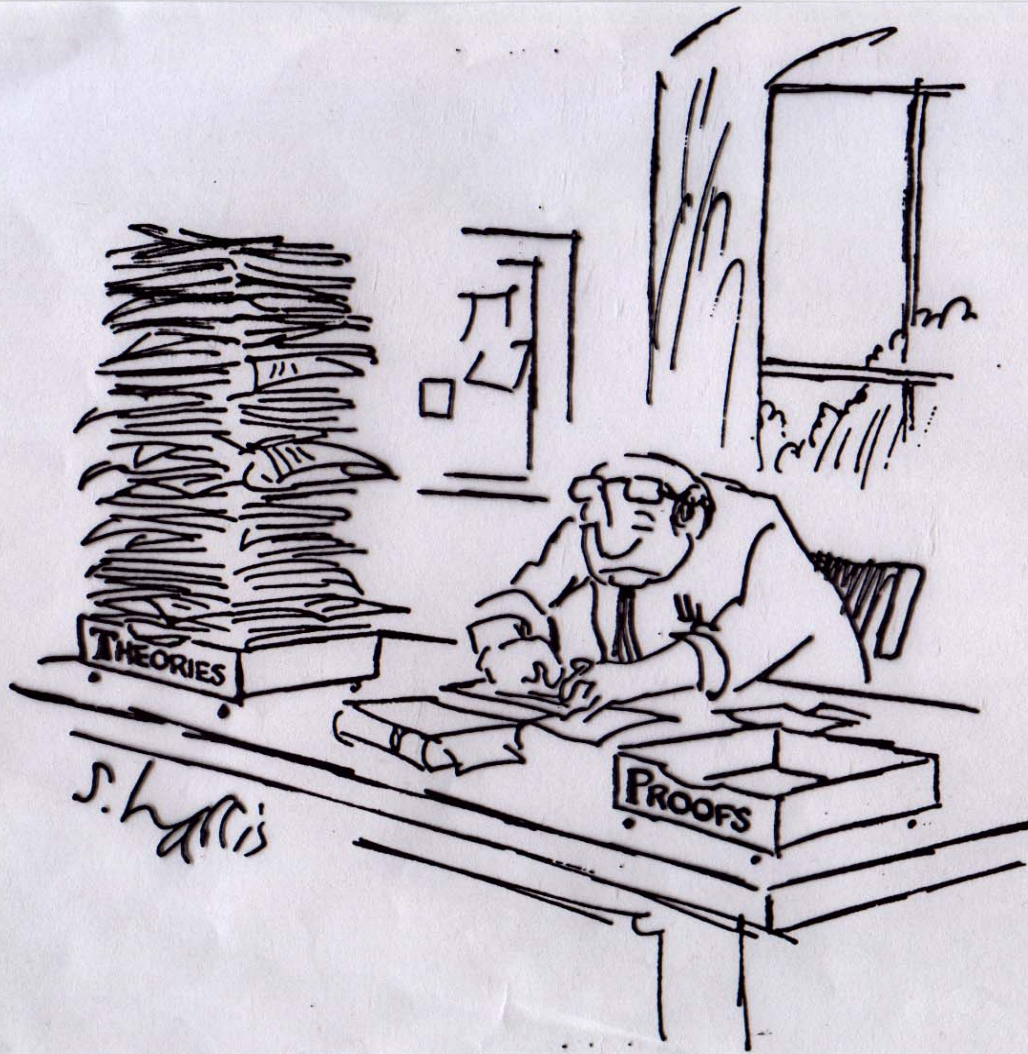
Standardized, comprehensive and evidence-based assessment is an important part of treatment planning.

New standardized assessment procedures were introduced in 2001 for use with all clients entering the addictions treatment system in Ontario and were later evaluated in 2006.

This project will address the recommendations from this evaluation as well as the best available evidence regarding screening and assessment for substance use to develop and implement a revised protocol for standardized assessment in Ontario.

Our treatment “system” (and people entering it) face three major challenges

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Going from theory to practice in the community

“This is the part I always hate!”



This is the part I always hate!

Client Outcome Monitoring Project

The development and implementation of a system to monitor the outcomes for clients who have participated in addictions treatment services in Ontario.

Project Lead: Brian Rush

How will this project benefit Ontario?

Monitoring the recovery of clients is an important part of assessing the performance of the Ontario substance use treatment system and of planning enhancements to improve treatment quality and build capacity. This project will develop and pilot an evidence-based protocol for recovery monitoring to determine the feasibility of implementing a recovery monitoring system for Ontario. Overall, the results are expected to make an important contribution to Canada's National Treatment Strategy.

How can you get involved?

Individuals with experience and expertise will be considered for participation as members of the Advisory Committee. Please contact Brian Rush at brian_rush@camh.net for more information.

Client Satisfaction Project

The development and implementation of a sustainable standardized provincial program to assess client satisfaction with addiction treatment services in Ontario based on the SSS-30 and the SSS-RES.

Project Lead: Brian Rush

How will this project benefit Ontario?

Measuring client satisfaction provides an important perspective on the quality and performance of substance use treatment services and systems. While some substance use treatment programs in Ontario currently assess client satisfaction, it is not being done consistently. This project will review, select and implement an evidence-based, sustainable and standardized provincial program to assess client satisfaction in all publicly-funded addiction treatment services in Ontario. It is expected that this program will contribute to an overall comprehensive system of outcome monitoring for addictions treatment services in Ontario.

How can you get involved?

Individuals with experience and expertise will be considered for participation as members of the Advisory Committee. Please contact Brian Rush at brian_rush@camh.net for more information.

Youth Services System Review Project

A review of the current continuum of addictions services available to youth, ages 12-24, in Ontario, identifying gaps and opportunities for collaboration and enhancement.

Project Leads: Gloria Chaim and
Joanna Henderson

*How will this project benefit
Ontario?*

This project will provide an overview of the landscape of addictions services available to youth across sectors and settings in Ontario; and insights and strategies for closing gaps and smoothing pathways to care.

How can you get involved?

There are opportunities to participate in surveys, interviews and focus groups. For more information contact E.B.Brownlie at eb_brownlie@camh.net.

Assessment/Benchmark Addictions Treatment Costs Project

A program that will assess and compare the cost of addictions treatment services in Ontario.

Project Lead: Brian Rush

How will this project benefit Ontario?

Assessing and comparing the costs of addictions treatment services is a key part of measuring the performance of individual treatment services. Standardized cost measures can provide comparative benchmarks and is necessary to developing strategies to increase the efficiency and overall cost-effectiveness of the treatment system. This project will develop and pilot a standardized program of cost reporting and comparisons for addiction treatment services in Ontario. Cost measures resulting from this program can also be used in comparisons with other jurisdictions and is expected to make an important contribution to Canada's National Treatment Strategy.

How can you get involved?

Individuals with experience and expertise will be considered for participation as members of the Advisory Committee. Please contact Brian Rush at brian_rush@camh.net for more information.

Addiction Treatment Data Elements and Provincial Service Categories Project

A review of mandatory data elements and Provincial Services Categories currently collected by the Province's addiction treatment data system (DATIS) to ensure the integrity of each element, its utility for planning, and accountability, and its alignment with the Province's Addiction Strategy.

Project Lead: Claudio Rocca

How will this project benefit Ontario?

Population needs change over time. It is important to revisit required data fields regularly to ensure that the data collected accurately reflect current needs and system capacity to meet those needs. This helps policymakers, planners, providers and researchers address areas needing improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for Ontarians.

How can you get involved?

Representatives from a broad cross-section of participating agencies, and other stakeholders, will be selected to participate in the Data Treatment Review Committee. The Committee will evaluate each of the current required fields and recommend other important treatment outcome measures and indicators for inclusion.

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Residential Support Services Evaluation Project

An evaluation that will be used to develop and implement best practices and service standards or guidelines for residential support services.

Project Lead: Janis Cramp



How will this project benefit Ontario?

This project will complete a comprehensive, systemic evaluation of residential supportive services, identifying and documenting both existing and emerging best practices, and developing and disseminating the tools training and support so that best practices are being adopted and applied in residential support programs system-wide. The development of standards or guidelines should result in improved health outcomes for persons completing withdrawal management services.

How can you get involved?

Individuals with experience and expertise will be considered for participation as members of a Joint Steering Committee with the Ontario Federation Community Mental Health and Addiction Programs and their Supportive Housing Evaluation project, as well as members of the working group. Please contact Janis Cramp at info@addictionsontario.ca for more information.

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Supportive Housing Evaluation Project

A systemic evaluation of a supportive housing program targeted to people with problematic substance use that will be used to develop and implement best practices and service standards or guidelines for supportive housing.

Project Lead: David Kelly

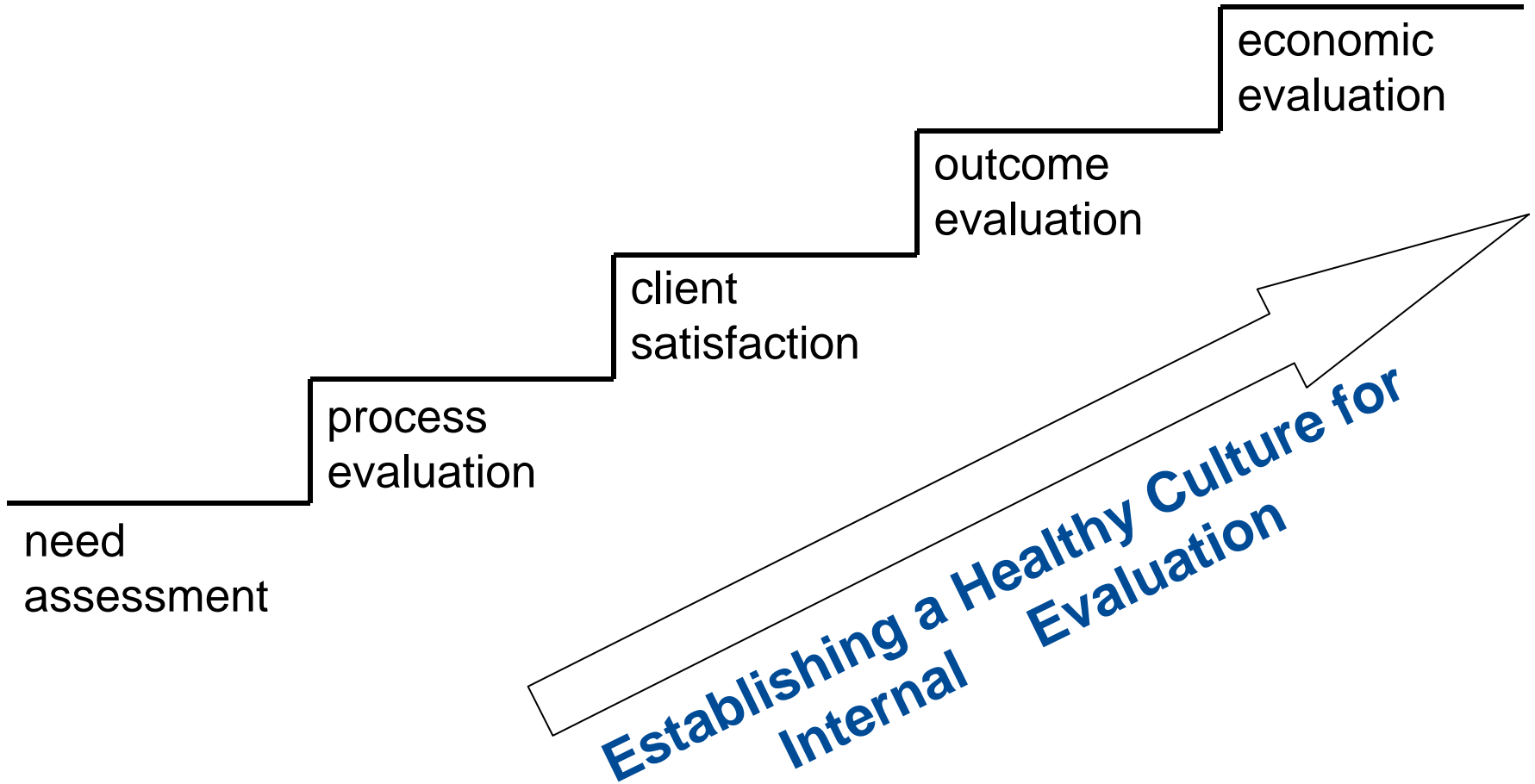
How will this project benefit Ontario?

A comprehensive evaluation identifying potential best practices will help ensure that supporting housing services in Ontario is successfully achieving the specific needs of individuals facing the challenges of addiction.

This evaluation will help to improve all programs of addiction related supportive housing in Ontario.

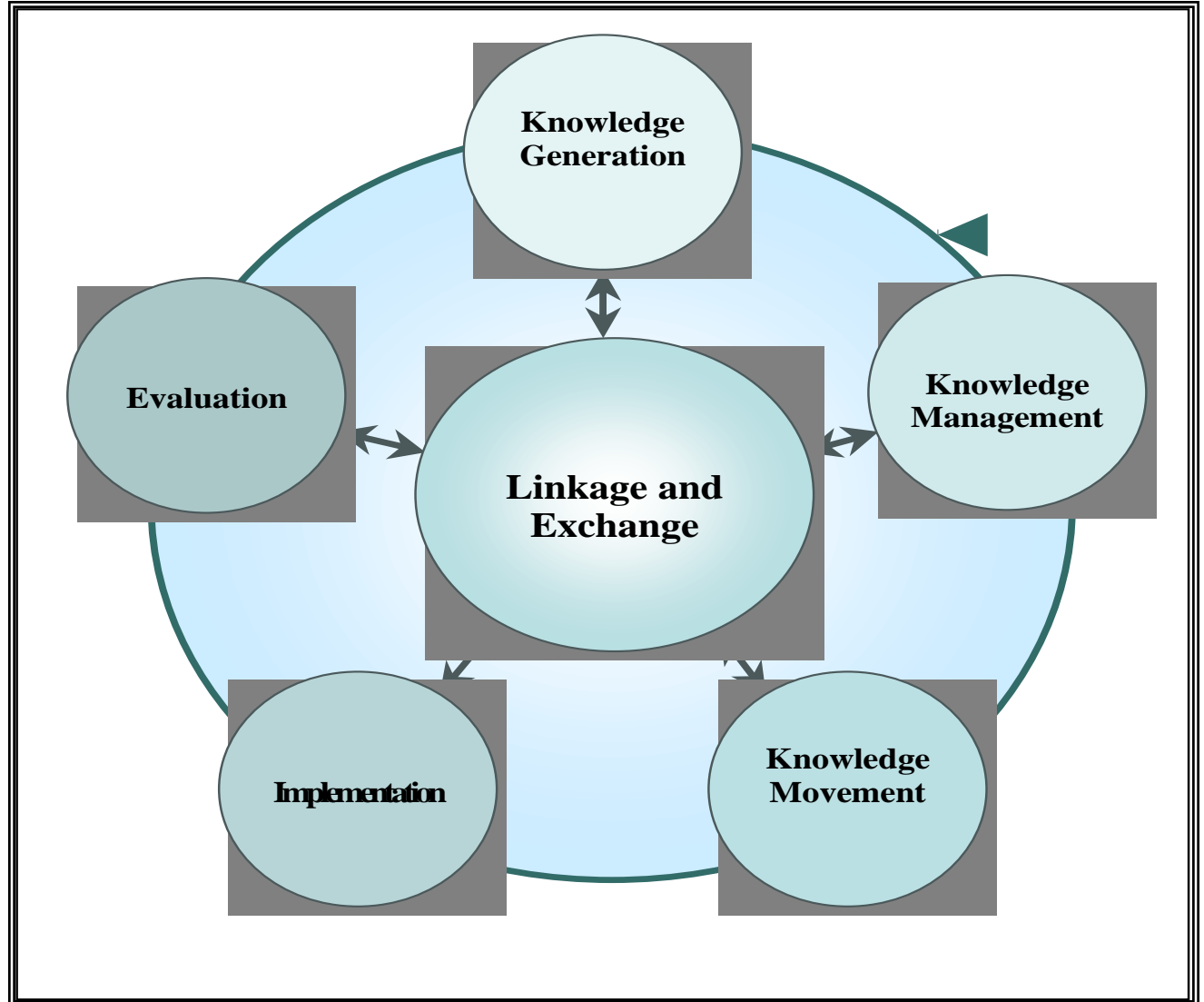
How can you get involved?

Individuals with experience and expertise will be considered for participation as members of a Joint Steering Committee with Addictions Ontario and their Residential Support Services Evaluation Project. Please contact Tanya Bostock at projects@ofcmhap.on.ca for more information.



Planning to Use the Evaluation Results

Knowledge Exchange Model



Hidden within this conceptual model of KE is a critical distinction

- **Evidence-informed practice** typically from research that is peer-reviewed, often grant-funded, theory driven, methodologically very tight, expensive, time-consuming and incredibly important...
- **Practice-based learning** *a new term that integrates aspects of evaluation and related knowledge exchange.*

Practice-based learning

- Enables ongoing improvement of, and learning from, interventions in real-life practice settings
- Practice-based learning generates evidence, and also emphasizes the *utilization* of evidence through knowledge exchange processes

“Making Gains” Project

What is Making Gains?

- Biannual, 2-day knowledge exchange event
- Brings together many diverse components of mental health and addiction services, including providers, researchers, funders, consumers and families
- Purpose is to promote knowledge exchange through presentations by mental health and addiction stakeholders, and province-wide dissemination of leading practices, policies and innovation from all the Ontario system projects funded through DTFP

- Event will help to bring together many diverse components of mental health and addiction services, and highlight outcomes and effectiveness of current MH&A initiatives across the province
- Conference partners include CAMH, Canadian Mental Health Association, Addictions Ontario, Ontario Peer Development Initiative (OPDI), Ontario Association of Patient Councils (OAPC), Children’s Mental Health Ontario (CMHO), Mood Disorders Association of Ontario (MDAO), Schizophrenia Society of Ontario (SSO)

“Making Gains” Project

Update on the Project

- The Making Gains Steering Committee has decided to move the conference from March 2012 to October 2012 in order to hold a successful conference
- OFCMHAP sent out a Request for Proposal for a Conference Planners to manage the event
- The Committee has a short list of conference planners (2) which will be moving forward with once timelines are agreed upon

Evidence Exchange Network

What is EEN?

- Evidence Exchange Network (EENet; formerly OMHAKEN) aims to enhance the capacity of mental health and addictions researchers, consumers, families, providers, planners and policymakers to collaboratively engage in the production, communication and utilization of health services research and evaluation in Ontario
- The EENet Management and Resource Centre is located at the Health Systems and Health Equity Research Group at CAMH
- EENet is the vehicle through which knowledge exchange will take place for the suite of initiatives receiving funding through the DTFP in Ontario
- EENet will leverage its network of networks and targeted knowledge translation and exchange products and tools to bring visibility to Ontario's DTFP-funded projects
- EENet will also develop and maintain a web presence for DTFP initiatives in Ontario and support the individual communications needs of each project

Evidence Exchange Network

Update on EENet

1. Met with all project leads to discuss KE priorities
2. Developing and implementing communications plan:
 - Development of Ontario DTFP systems projects website, providing information on content of individual projects and overall DTFP initiative
 - www.ontariodtftp.ca
 - Creation of slide deck of all DTFP system projects across the province
3. **Hiring staff: 3 knowledge brokers & communications associate**
4. **Convening steering committee. First meeting (after launch) expected in November**