

# **Drug Treatment Funding Program (DTFP)**

*Ontario Systems Projects*

# What is the DTFP?

## *Background*

Through consultations with provincial and territorial governments and non-governmental organizations, Health Canada developed the **Drug Treatment Funding Program (DTFP)** in 2008 as part of the Treatment Action Plan under the National Anti-Drug Strategy.

The DTFP is a federal contribution program designed to support provinces and territories in their efforts to strengthen evidence-informed substance abuse treatment **systems**; and address critical gaps in substance abuse treatment **services**, particularly for at-risk youth.

## *National/multi-jurisdictional projects*

In addition to the provincial and territorial projects being funded through the DTFP, three national/multi-jurisdictional projects have been funded:

- 1. Promoting Evidence-Based System Development**  
Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse
- 2. Enhancing Youth-Focused, Evidence-Informed Treatment Practices Through Cross-Sectoral Collaboration**  
National Youth Concurrent Disorders Capacity Building Team – CAMH, Ontario Core Project Working Group
- 3. Development of Needs-Based Planning Models for Substance Use Services and Supports in Canada**  
CAMH

# 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*

Approximately \$6.78 million has been committed to fund twelve Ontario Systems Projects and a comprehensive independent evaluation, beginning April 1, 2011 and ending March 31, 2013.\*

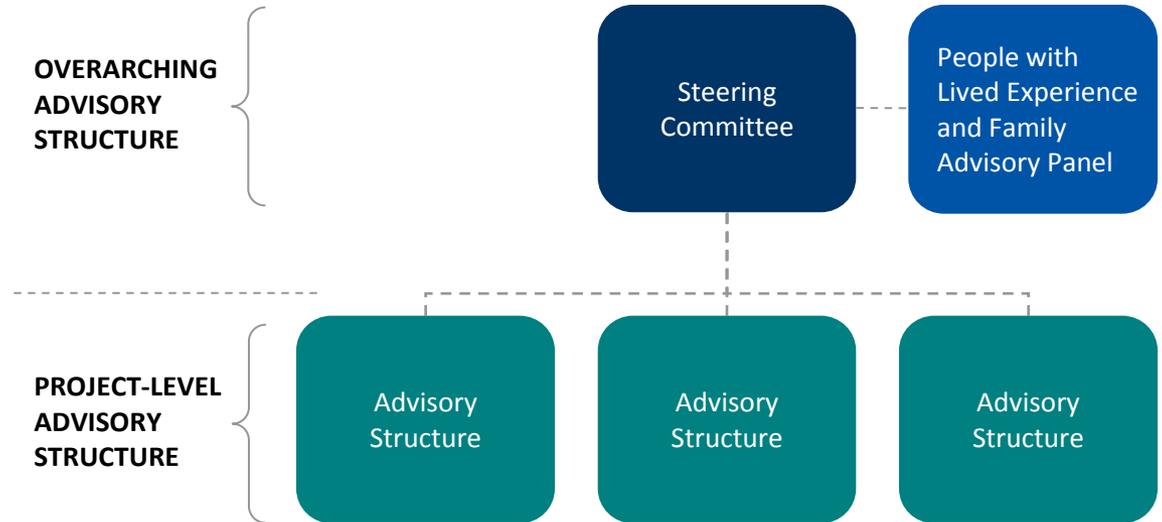
\*Seven Service Level Projects have also been funded in the Province.

Project	Project Lead/Organization
<b>IMPLEMENTATION OF EVIDENCE INFORMED PRACTICE</b>	
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
<b>STRENGTHENING EVALUATION &amp; PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT</b>	
Client Outcome Monitoring Project	Brian Rush, CAMH
Client Satisfaction Project	Brian Rush, CAMH
Assessment/Benchmark Addictions Treatment Costs Project	Brian Rush, CAMH
Youth Services System Review Project	Gloria Chaim & Joanna Henderson, CAMH
Addiction Treatment Data Elements and Provincial Service Categories Project	Claudio Rocca, DATIS, CAMH
Residential Support Services Evaluation Project	Janis Cramp, Addictions Ontario
Supportive Housing Evaluation Project	David Kelly, OFCMHAP
<b>LINKAGE &amp; EXCHANGE</b>	
Ontario Mental Health and Addiction Knowledge Exchange Network Project	Heather Bullock, CAMH
The "Making Gains" Project	David Kelly, OFCMHAP

# Advisory structure for Ontario Systems Projects

## *Overarching advisory structure*

A steering committee composed of MOHLTC and project leads for DTFP-funded Ontario Systems Projects, together with an advisory panel of people with lived experience in addictions and family members\*, will provide insight and guidance for the suite of initiatives in Ontario.



## *Project-level advisory structure*

Advisory structures will provide advice and support for individual projects or groups of projects.

\*Note: We consider 'family members' to include anyone that a person with lived experience considers to be family.

## 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.

### *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](mailto:brian_rush@camh.net) for more information.

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## **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?*

This project will identify best practices for active engagement with mutual aid and peer support resources and will provide front line workers with the necessary tools to ensure that peer support services are provided in the best way possible and are appropriately incorporated into the specialized addiction treatment system. Best practice development in peer support would help a current system of support to function in a more coordinated and integrated way. It would assist in acknowledging peer support as a viable component of addiction treatment and recovery.

### *How can you get involved?*

Individuals with experience and expertise will be considered for participation as members of the Advisory and Working Committees. Please contact Janis Cramp at [info@addictionsontario.ca](mailto:info@addictionsontario.ca) for more information.

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## 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.

*How can you get involved?*

A Steering Committee comprised of representatives from a cross-section of women's substance abuse services will provide direction to the initiative. Input will be sought from key experts (from clinical, research, academic, and policy areas) who have specialist knowledge of the best practices at the intersections of trauma and substance use.

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:brian_rush@camh.net) for more information.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:eb_brownlie@camh.net).

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:projects@ofcmhap.on.ca) for more information.

## Evidence Exchange Network (formerly OMHAKEN)

Promoting the use of research evidence in decision-making by providing an infrastructure to connect research to mental health and addictions research stakeholders across Ontario, developing targeted KT products and tools and supporting interactive exchanges.

Project Lead: Heather Bullock

### *How will this project benefit Ontario?*

This project will replace past ad-hoc patterns of cooperation and knowledge exchange with a sustainable mechanism that will support ongoing interaction among mental health and addiction researchers, policy makers, practitioners and clients to promote evidence informed planning, decision making and program management across the province.

### *How can you get involved?*

Individuals with experience and expertise will be considered for participation as members of the Advisory Committee.

All interested stakeholders are invited to become members of the network. You will be alerted to opportunities to participate in network activities and events. Contact Keri West at [keri\\_west@camh.net](mailto:keri_west@camh.net) for more information.

## The “Making Gains” Project

Transforming an established conference to encourage greater system dialogue, evidence-informed practices and interventions, networking and informal information exchange consistent with the DTFP objectives for this investment area.

Project Lead: David Kelly

## *How will this project benefit Ontario?*

The “Making Gains” Project will encourage dissemination of leading practices, policies and innovation from all Ontario system projects funded through the DTFP. The event will help to bring together many diverse components of mental health and addiction services, and highlight outcomes and the effectiveness of current mental health and addiction initiatives across the province.

## *How can you get involved?*

There will be a great deal of opportunity for involvement in this project. Please contact Tanya Bostock at [projects@ofcmhap.on.ca](mailto:projects@ofcmhap.on.ca) for more information.

# Measuring success

## *Evaluation*

A comprehensive systems focused evaluation will be conducted for individual Ontario projects and the overall provincial initiative. The evaluation will be led by Robert Moore, Director of Provincial Services, CAMH.

# Knowledge exchange through a 'network of networks'

## *What is Evidence Exchange Network?*

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.

## *How will EENet support the DTFP in Ontario?*

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.