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Canadian Research Initiative in Substance Misuse

## News and Notes

*News and Notes* is designed to keep you in the loop on Regional and National activities from the Canadian Research Initiative in Substance Misuse (CRISM) Prairie Node.

### New

- Holiday wishes from the Node!
- Report available: *A Framework for the Legalization and Regulation of Cannabis in Canada*
- Federal government changes direction on drug strategy
- Call for workshop proposals
- Report available: *SAYCW 2016 Provincial Youth Health Report*
- CRISM Ontario Website Launches
- Bell Let's Talk Community Fund



CRISM is a national network dedicated to translating substance misuse intervention research results into practice and policy.



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**Plus 8 items from previous issues...**

## Holiday Wishes



**CRISM Prairies is wishing you and yours a wonderful holiday season and all the very best for a Happy New Year in 2017!**

## Federal task force report available: Cannabis legalization



The final report of the Federal Task Force on Cannabis Legalization and Regulation was released on December 12, 2016. The *Framework for the Legalization and Regulation of Cannabis in Canada* is available online by visiting the Government of Canada [website](#) or you can download the pdf document [here](#).

## Federal government changes course on drug strategy: Bill C-37

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Federal Health Minister Jane Philpott and Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale announced the government's intention to pass legislative changes supporting safe consumption sites and harm reduction strategies. The current National Anti-Drug Strategy will be replaced with the Canadian Drugs and Substances Strategy through Bill C-37, introduced to the House of Commons on December 12 2016.

To read the Government of Canada news release and background information please visit their website [here](#). To follow this legislation in the House and to access the full-text of the Bill, please visit the Parliament of Canada website [here](#).

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## Call for Workshop Proposals

 **ENVIROS** *April 24 & 25th, 2017* 

# Shifting Perspective

Celebrating and sharing innovation & best practice in  
Addiction and Mental Health treatment in Alberta.

Enviros and Mount Royal University are excited to announce the call for workshop proposals for the **2017 Addiction and Mental Health conference**, *Shifting Perspective*, in Calgary Alberta. The conference will take place on **April 24 & 25, 2017** at Mount Royal University in Calgary AB.

Proposals are due **January 6 2017**. For more information and to submit your proposal please visit the website [here](#)

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The Saskatchewan Alliance for Youth & Community Well-being (SAYCW) Provincial Youth Health Report is now available.

The Youth Health Survey asked a series of questions that included areas such as oral health, sun and ultraviolet radiation (UVR) safety, healthy weights, food security and nutrition, physical activity, sleep, mental health and well-being, tobacco, drug and alcohol use, and sexual health. The provincial report reflects the responses of more than 8,800 students in grades 7-12 from 114 schools throughout the province. This included rural, urban and on-reserve schools. It is meant to provide a snapshot of Saskatchewan students' health.

To download the full report please visit the SAYCW [website](#) or download the summary of findings [here](#). Be sure to see the poster materials provided on the site to share this information in your school or community!

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## CRISM Ontario node website is live

The CRISM Ontario website is up and running! Please take a moment to have a look at their website for great regional information, links, study recruitment, research descriptions, and more!

Follow this link: [www.crismontario.ca](http://www.crismontario.ca)

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## Bell Let's Talk Community Fund



The Bell Let's Talk Community Fund is part of Bell Let's Talk, Canada's largest corporate initiative dedicated to mental health.

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with mental illness. Canadian registered not-for-profit organizations and registered charities are eligible for consideration. The Community Fund supports projects that improve access to mental health care, supports and services for people in Canada.

Online applications will be accepted until **March 31, 2017**. For more information and submission details please visit the Bell Canada [website](#)

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## From previous issues... in case you missed it!

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### National Opioid Conference

*Opioid* CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 18, 2016  
111 Sussex Drive  
Ottawa, ON

The Opioid Conference brings together a broad range of speakers and participants for a national dialogue on actions to address and reduce the harms related to opioids in Canada.

The Opioid Conference is hosted by the Honourable Jane Philpott, Federal Minister of Health, and co-hosted by the Honourable Eric Hoskins, Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care. The event is taking place November 18, 2016, from 8:30 am to 5:50 pm in Ottawa, Ontario.

You can access the conference agenda and webcast of presentations by following the links below.

Opioid Conference [Agenda](#)

Opioid Conference [Webcast](#)

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### Ceremony with our Elders

On November 12 2016 Cam Wild, David Hodgins, Colleen Dell, Denise Adams, and Barbara Fornssler attended ceremony hosted by Elders Jerry Saddleback, JoAnn Saddleback, and Terry Daniels in Maskwacis AB. Many of you will remember meeting JoAnn and Terry during the Prairie Node meeting in June of this year.

This gathering was an opportunity to share knowledge, ideas, and good humour as we sought to build understanding and engage what JoAnn called an articulation of the deeper philosophies that may be put into action for the work ahead. We look forward to this



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### Hospitalizations and Emergency Department Visits Due to Opioid Poisoning in Canada

This report — a joint effort by CIHI and the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse — uses data submitted to the Hospital Morbidity Database by all Canadian provinces and territories. It examines pan-Canadian trends in hospitalizations due to opioid poisoning related to patient demographics, clinical characteristics and provincial/territorial rates. It also includes an analysis of emergency department visits in Alberta and Ontario using data from the National Ambulatory Care Reporting System.

You can download the report, infographic and datatables by visiting the Canadian Institute for Health Information [website](#).

### Guide Now Available

# camh

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

**Making the Choice, Making It work: Treatment for Opioid Addiction**

*Second edition (formerly published as Methadone Maintenance Treatment:  
Client Handbook)*

Making the Choice, Making It Work is an easy-to-read guide for people who are considering treatment for opioid addiction, and for those who are already taking opioid

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who work with people with opioid addiction will also find this resource to be a useful tool for helping clients.

To access the full resource please visit the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) [website](#) or download the promotional flyer [here](#).

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## Call For Abstracts

### Alberta Moves on Reconciliation

Join Truth and Reconciliation (TRC) Commissioner, Chief Willie Littlechild and TRC Spiritual Advisor, Elder Jerry Saddleback for a one-day forum in Edmonton AB on January 26 2017.

Abstracts will be accepted until **November 25 2016** and should be sent by email to [info@aboriginalwomensjustice.com](mailto:info@aboriginalwomensjustice.com)

For more information please download the poster [here](#)

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## SAVE THE DATE Issues of Substance Conference



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on Substance Abuse  
Centre canadien de lutte  
contre les toxicomanies

Partnership. Knowledge. Change.  
Collaboration. Connaissance. Changement.

ISSUES of  
SUBSTANCE  
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QUESTIONS de  
SUBSTANCE

Addiction matters • La dépendance, ça compte

November 13-15  
Calgary, Alberta Le 13 au 15 novembre  
Calgary (Alberta)

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**November 13-15, 2017**

Calgary Alberta

Hosted by the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA), Issues of Substance (IOS) is Canada's only national conference that brings together addiction workers, healthcare professionals, researchers, policy makers and knowledge brokers from across the country. This premier learning event provides an unparalleled opportunity to share new developments and best practices, and to get practical training related to prevention, treatment and recovery. IOS is also a forum for showcasing new research and knowledge mobilization efforts in the addiction field.

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## HR17 Conference Registration OPEN

25th Harm Reduction International Conference

**May 14-17 2017**

Montreal Quebec

The theme of this year's conference is 'At the Heart of the Response', and HRI is encouraging abstract submissions about innovative harm reduction services, new or ground-breaking research, effective or successful advocacy campaigns or key policy discussions or debates. The agenda will encompass, high profile main plenaries, research, panel discussions, dialogue space sessions, workshops and films as a basis for further dialogue.

Registration and Call for Submissions is Now Open!

[www.hri.global/conference-2017](http://www.hri.global/conference-2017)

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## Node Development Grants

The CRISM Prairie Node will consider ad-hoc requests from Node Members (Investigators and Knowledge Users) on a rolling basis to provide one-time funding up to \$15,000. Funds are to be used to support research and/or knowledge exchange activities in the area of substance misuse interventions.

To date, we have received 8 applications from Members for Node support, of which 5 are approved and 3 are under review. Congratulations to **Bonnie Lee** (University of Lethbridge), **Darlene Chalmers** (University of Regina), **Elaine Hyshka** (University of Alberta), **Darren Christensen** (University of Lethbridge), and **Anas El-Aneed** (University of Saskatchewan) and their colleagues.

Members can submit applications via email to Denise Adams at

[denise.adams@ualberta.ca](mailto:denise.adams@ualberta.ca). The application form can be accessed via the button below.

[Click here to access the Node Funding application](#)

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Is there an event happening that we should know about? Do you have information to share in the region? Please send your ideas and information to **Denise** or **Barb** anytime!

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## Questions? Comments? Contact us!

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News and Notes is a way to keep informed about Prairie CRISM Node developments. Email us anytime if you would like to discuss Node activities or want additional information.

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