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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.

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


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CRISM Prairies Annual Meeting Save the Date

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Canadian Research Initiative in Substance Misuse

November 16-17 Calgary AB

Following a poll of CRISM Prairie Node members our annual meeting will take place in Calgary AB on November 16 & 17 2017!

Please save the dates and stay tuned for more details!

CCSA: Senior Research Policy Analyst



The Senior Research and Policy Analyst (SRPA) is a subject-matter expert who conducts research and responds to research requests (both internal to CCSA and external), and provides research-based policy analysis relevant to CCSA's priorities. The SRPA may represent CCSA on various expert committees and associations, and provide advice on research initiatives and their impact on public policy. The SRPA works in collaboration with CCSA's external facing divisions to communicate key messages and aid in the knowledge mobilization of research results. The primary area of research focus for this particular position is the co-occurrence of gambling and substance use.

Visit [CCSA](#) for more information or download the [pdf](#) description.

Webinar Series: RIRO

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Reaching In, Reaching Out (RIRO) Resiliency Training

This training is directed to Frontline Workers

Presented by Lee Hinton, Education and Health Promotion Coordinator Saskatchewan Prevention Institute

Reaching In Reaching Out, teaches resiliency skills to people who are working with young children or families who have young children. The first part of the training focuses on personal resiliency skills, as it is through modelling these skills that young children learn. The second part of the training focuses on strategies to increase resiliency skills in families and children. The workshop is interactive in nature and staff should be prepared to participate, move, and have some fun. Participants should be made aware that this training includes personal exploration.

Training Dates: April 11, May 9, June 13, & July 11 2017. 1pm-3pmCST. Registration is Required.

Please visit the [SK Prevention Institute](#) for more information or download the [pdf](#) registration form.

SK MH&A Action Plan Newsletter Launches

Mental Health and Addictions Action Plan Newsletter

The Government of Saskatchewan is committed to improving the way it responds to mental health and addictions issues, and endorses the 10-year Mental Health and Addictions Action Plan. Together, with partner ministries Social Services, Education and Justice (Corrections and Policing), the Ministry of Health is leading the development and implementation of an inter-ministerial improvement plan.

To find more information about progress on the improvement plan and learn about improvement activities already underway, read the first issue of the [Mental Health and Addictions Action Plan newsletter](#) or visit the Government of Saskatchewan [website](#).

Internet delivered counselling for problem gambling

CRISM Prairie Node member researcher, Dr. Darren Christensen, has launched recruitment for his study titled *Adding Contingency Management to On-Line Treatment as Usual for the Treatment of Disordered Gambling*. This CRISM-supported study will work with people living in rural communities, who are experiencing problems due to their gambling and will

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On February 2 2017 CTV news provided some great coverage of this topic. You can review the video and article by visiting the CTV [website](#). A second video interview is also available on the [CTV News Facebook Page](#).

Canada's Drug Futures Forum

Canada's Drug
Futures Forum |
Forum sur l'avenir
des drogues au
Canada

Recent decisions by the Canadian government concerning harm reduction, opioids, cannabis, and sentencing are signalling a new approach to managing illicit drug use in Canada. Meanwhile, a new US administration promises to strengthen an already punitive narcotics regime with consequences for control efforts abroad as well as for cannabis policies in many US states. This fast-changing landscape makes now the right time to bring together leading voices from across the country to look across the next decade and help identify new opportunities and directions for drug policies in Canada.

On April 4 - 5, 2017, join us as more than 120 researchers, policy-makers, public health officials, law enforcement professionals, drug users and community organizers meet in Ottawa to examine the future of Canada's domestic and international drug policies.

For more information and a full list of speakers please visit the Canada's Drug Futures Forum [website](#)

Canadian Knowledge Mobilization Forum



Institute for Knowledge Mobilization
l'Institut pour la mobilisation des connaissances

Join the 2017 Canadian Knowledge Mobilization Forum in Ottawa-Gatineau on May 17-18, 2017. The theme for this year's Forum is: **Connections and Partnerships: Collaboration as a Key to Knowledge Mobilization**

Hosts anticipate about 200 people in attendance and ask you to consider contributing a presentation, workshop, or poster - or become one of the great sponsors who make this premier learning event a must-attend for knowledge mobilization professionals and practitioners.

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Western Canadian Addiction Forum



Registration is now open for the Western Canada Addiction Forum to be hosted from May 5-7, 2017 in Kelowna, BC. To access the program and find further information please visit the forum [website](#).

CSAM-SMCA 2017 Call for Abstracts



The Canadian Society of Addiction Medicine welcomes you to their Annual Meeting and Scientific Conference October 19 through October 21 in Niagara Falls, Ontario. The 2017 conference will build on last year's conference, by highlighting new research findings, sociopolitical ideas and treatment approaches to addictions. This year's theme is "Addiction: The Changing Landscape" and reflects evolving shifts in addiction issues in Canada.

Abstract submission and further conference information can be found by visiting the [CSAM-SMCA website](#).

Addiction Day 2017



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competencies and treatment care. Through a combination of diverse presentations, workshops and networking opportunities, we hope to bring together healthcare professionals from across the care continuum for a day of learning and discussion.

The Addiction Day Conference and Networking Fair will be held on May 26 2017 and registration is open!

Please visit the [Addiction Day website](#) for further information.

Cognition - Addiction & Mental Health Event Listings

Cognition provides Addiction and Mental Health event listings and is brought to you by the educators in Alberta Health Services, Addiction & Mental Health, Edmonton Zone. Check out the pdf file of [event listings](#) for exciting happenings in your region.

CRISM BC Node website is live!

The CRISM British Columbia [website](#) is up and running! Please take a moment to have a look for great regional information, links, study recruitment, research descriptions, and more!

AHS Addiction and Mental Health eLearning

Alberta Health Services offers a Concurrent Disorders Learning Series that is free to view on YouTube. The series presents two feature episodes each month and broadcast a lecture-style presentation from subject matter experts. CRISM members from across the country have spoken in this series, including:

- [Julie Bruneau](#)
- [Ron Lim](#)
- [Keith Ahamad](#)
- [Didier Jutras-Aswad](#)
- [Nady el-Guebaly](#)
- [Sherry Stewart](#)

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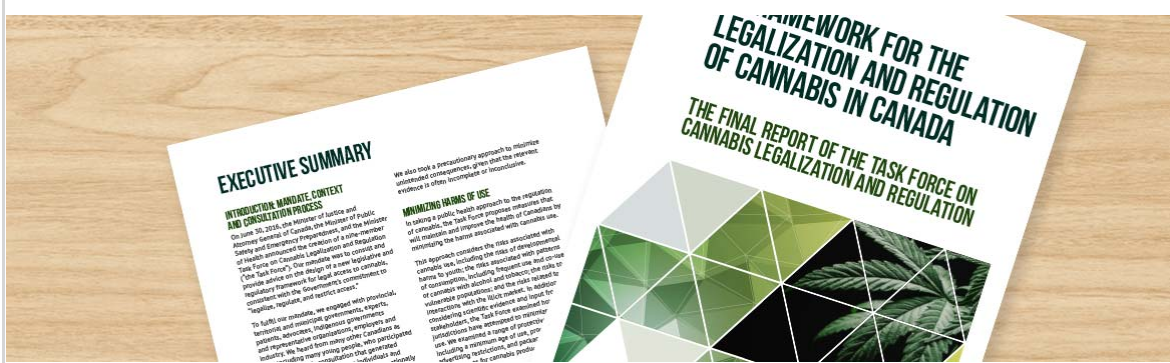
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Disorders Learning Series, visit the [AHS website](#).

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

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



Federal Health Minister Jane Philpott and Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale announced

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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 backgrounder 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](#).

SAYCW 2016 Report



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!

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](#)

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

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. The application form can be accessed via the button below.

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News for the node?

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!

Questions? Comments? Contact us!

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