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Canadian Research Initiative in Substance Misuse

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New CRISM | Prairies Partnership

The [Alberta Addiction and Mental Health Research Partnership Program](#) and the [Addictions & Mental Health Strategic Clinical Network](#) of Alberta Health Services have partnered with CRISM | Prairies. This partnership will address research, evaluation, quality improvement, and measurement questions related to substance misuse.

This analytic and research collaboration is opening up administrative data on substance use and is creating a line of sight between applied knowledge generation and research activity. The long-term goals of this partnership are to support researcher access to addiction and mental health client data from acute and specialty health care services and programs, and to promote innovation in analytics.

Stay tuned for a call for proposals soon!

CRISM Prairies Annual Meeting

November 1 & 2 2018

The CRISM Prairies team is pleased to share our annual meeting draft agenda. This document is available for [download here](#) as a pdf file for your review.

The meeting will be hosted at [Wanuskewin Heritage Park](#) and out of town guests will stay at the [Park Town Hotel](#) in Saskatoon. Transportation to the site will be provided daily.

If you have any comments, questions, or further ideas for the agenda please be in touch with Node Manager, [Denise Adams](mailto:denise.adams@ualberta.ca) (denise.adams@ualberta.ca). All travel expenses will be covered for CRISM Prairies node members.

You can register for the meeting by following this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7HLD5YG>

We look forward to seeing you there!

Events & Activities

Stimulus 2018: Draft Agenda Available!

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STIMULUS

Drugs, Policy and Practice in Canada **2018** Drogues, politiques et pratiques au Canada

Stimulus: Drugs, Policy and Practice in Canada conference is happening from October 3-5 2018 in Edmonton AB. This event will include varied activities including, workshops, plenaries, panels, oral presentations, photography, poster presentations, spoken word, art showing, book reading, community tours, as well as a film festival.

You can [register for the conference](#) and [review the draft agenda](#) by visiting the [conference website](#), or you can download the draft agenda directly [here](#).

Moms Stop the Harm: Free Panel Event

How Can Communities Support Families Affected by the Opioid Crisis?



How can communities support families affected by the opioid crisis?

A PUBLIC PANEL DISCUSSION

OCT 4, 7-9PM

Shaw Conference Centre, Salon 4
9797 Jasper Ave, Edmonton

This interactive panel discussion examines the challenges and priorities faced by families who have loved ones living with, or have died from, problematic substance use in Canada. Panelists will discuss strategies to support individuals and families in the context of the opioid crisis, highlighting community-led responses, treatment options and gaps, and preventative measures. Panelists will discuss compassionate ways to support families affected by substance use, and will highlight the importance of family advocacy to change drug policy.

This free symposium is open to the general public, especially those directly affected, but also to professionals who want to learn more about the family experience and how families can be part of the solution. Presenters Include:

- Petra Schulz: Co-founder, Moms Stop the Harm
- Leslie McBain: Co-founder, Moms Stop the Harm; Family Engagement Lead, British Columbia Centre on Substance Use
- Katie Mai: Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator, British Columbia Centre on Substance Use
- Dr. Rebecca Saah: Assistant Professor, University of Calgary O'Brien Institute for Public Health

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- Moderator: Lorna Thomas, Moms Stop the Harm.

To register for this free event please visit the [Eventbrite listing](#).

H.E.R. Pregnancy Program (Streetworks): Panel Discussion

Pregnancy and Substance Use: Emerging Policy and Practice Trends II



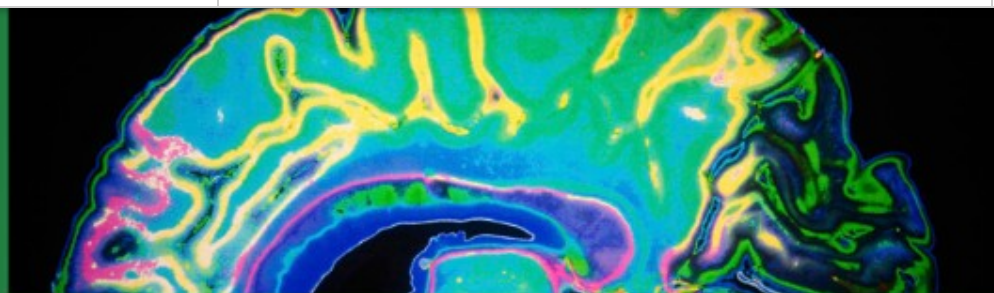
The HER Pregnancy program will be hosting a satellite day on women, pregnancy and substance use, in conjunction with the national Harm Reduction and Drug Policy conference, Stimulus 2018: Drugs, Policy and Practice in Canada. This day of learning (**October 2, 2018**), is for frontline workers, physicians, nurses, social workers and anyone else interested in moving towards having harm reduction as a central strategy in medical and social responses to women and pregnancy.

With guest speakers Dr. Susan Boyd (University of Victoria), Dr. Ron Abrahams (Medical Director of Perinatal Addictions at BC Women's Hospital as well as Consultant Physician at the Sheway Program Vancouver), and Nancy Rosenbloom (National Advocates for Pregnant Women). The day will also include a presentation from the HER Pregnancy program, and a panel discussion that includes women with rich lived experiential knowledge.

To register for this event please visit the [Eventbrite listing](#) or download the poster [here](#).

UofA Research Symposium:

Cannabis, Endocannabinoids & Mental Health

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Research Symposium on
CANNABIS,
ENDOCANNABINOIDS, &
MENTAL HEALTH

OCTOBER 9TH, 2018
9:00AM – 4:30PM (LUNCH PROVIDED)
LISTER CENTRE, MAPLE LEAF ROOM
UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

TO REGISTER,
EMAIL NRUADMIN@UALBERTA.CA

Join us as we gather experts on cannabis, the brain, and public health to discuss and debate cannabis use in Alberta and beyond. Registration is free. All are welcome!



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DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY
&
NEUROSCIENCE AND MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE

How does cannabis affect your brain and behaviour? What are some of the risks of cannabis use? Can consuming cannabis reduce anxiety? How will legalized marijuana change use by adolescents, and how should we respond? Is there a level of cannabis consumption that is without risk in some people?

Come get the answer to these and other questions on **October 9 2018** from 9:00am - 4:30pm at the Lister Centre, University of Alberta — Maple Leaf Room. Lunch will be provided, registration is free, and all are welcome to attend.

CRISM | Prairies will be well represented at this event, with presentations by Drs. Rebecca Haines-Saah, Kathy Aitchison, and Cam Wild.

You can review the tentative [agenda here](#) and email nrudadmin@ualberta.ca to register for this exciting day!

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)**SIIT : SK Regional Mental Wellness & Addictions Knowledge Exchange 2018****About the Knowledge Exchange:**

SIIT is pleased to host the 2018 Saskatchewan Regional Mental Wellness Knowledge Exchange once again in partnership with Health Canada, bringing together mental health and wellness organizations and field workers to provide training and dialogue on important issues. This year's focus is on the opioid crisis that is devastating communities and families across Canada. This is acutely felt by the Indigenous community with reports indicating that Indigenous people are overrepresented amongst those being prescribed opioids.

Agenda

Opening Pipe Ceremony	8:30 a.m.
Information Tradeshaw	9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Lunch & Entertainment:	12:00 p.m.
N'we Jinan / Patuanak Youth	(English River)
Master of Ceremonies	Elder Howard Walker
Keynote Speaker: Leslie McBain	10 a.m.
Health Canada Presentation	11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Paul Hornby	1:30 p.m.

Interactive Workshops

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	& 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Learn to Yoga	Michael Linklater
Pow Wow Aerobics	Terrance Goodwill
Take Home Naloxone Kit Training	FNIHB Nurse Educator Jennifer Selkirk
SayKnow Drug Education Project	Cst. Matt Ingroulle, Saskatoon Police
Power our Women Self Defense	Shana Pasap



Elder Howard Walker was born and raised in Fishing Lake before his family settled in what is now James Smith First Nation. He later was taken to residential school for ten years, first to Prince Albert and then to

George Gordon First Nation.

He spent several years working across Canada, such as head orderly as a hospital in the Pas to establishing a program for street children in Toronto that continues today.

Howard became a drug counsellor in Timmons before continuing this work returning to Saskatchewan. He began announcing and emceeing rodeos and later powwows.

He retired at 65 and still finds himself busy working with communities through helping organizing, counselling, speaking on Treaty rights, inherent rights and present on Indian policy.



Leslie McBain joined with two other mothers to form the network Mums Stop the Harm in 2016, after losing her son Jordan to a drug overdose in 2014. By March 2018, the network had over 500 families

across Canada who want to see support, treatment and safety for people who use illicit drugs.

Leslie works as a Family Engagement Lead for the B.C. Centre on Substance Use, a non-profit organization dedicated to research, training, dialog, recovery and solutions to opioid crisis as well other problematic substance use issues. She is also on the Canadian Civil Society committee to the United Nations - as well as several provincial committees that hope to prevent drug related deaths and promote fair and compassionate drug policies.



Dr. Paul Hornby has studied for over 30 years herbs and supplements in human systems, conducting research projects with Inuit in the Canadian arctic, fishermen on India's south coast and Mangyan

people in the mountains on Mindoro, Philippines. He serves as president of Hedron Analytical Inc., focusing his attention on cannabis medicine for the past 18 years, attempting to demonstrate the efficacy and safety of the plant medicine, pioneering mainstream herbal medicine by creating the first standardized and quality controlled natural product cannabis medicine in a capsule.

He currently resides in Europe and is involved with a number of research groups is studying effects of cannabidiol rich hemp flower extract on seizure disorders (epilepsy) and breeding new strains for optimal efficacy for ailments such as cancer, chronic pain anxiety and opiate withdrawal.



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Please join the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT) Wellness & Community Development Unit on Thursday, **September 20, 2018** from 9:30am-3:30pm at Prairieland Park Halls A & C in Saskatoon for the annual *Mental Wellness & Addictions Knowledge Exchange*. The event will feature keynote speakers, interactive workshops and lunch hour entertainment.

This free public event focuses on empowering our frontline addictions workers, friends and family who seek support and resources. Mental health, addictions, and cultural/holistic organizations are also welcome to [register an information booth](#) free of charge.

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Resources & Funding Opportunities

Consultation Request: Canadian Drugs and Substances Strategy

Have your say on possible next steps in the

Canadian Drugs and Substances Strategy

The Government of Canada is consulting Canadians on how we can better address substance use issues in Canada from a health perspective.

Visit:

Canada.ca/substance-use-consultation

between **September 5th** & **December 4th, 2018** to share your views.

Government of Canada / Gouvernement du Canada

Canada

On September 5th 2018 Health Canada launched a public consultation on potential next steps in the Canadian Drugs and Substances Strategy (CDSS). The purpose of this consultation is to engage Canadians on new and innovative ideas on how to further strengthen the federal government's approach to substance use issues through the CDSS.

The consultation will last for 90 days, closing on December 4, 2018, and is open to all Canadians - everyone is invited to share their ideas! You can complete the [online questionnaire](#) to provide input on possible next steps in the CDSS or you can [share your story](#) about how substance use has impacted your life or the lives of people you know.

To learn more about the consultation and to provide your feedback please visit [Health Canada](#) or email hc.cdss.consultations-scdas.sc@canada.ca

Proposal Request: Mental Health Commission of Canada

Advancing Cannabis Research, Education and Awareness in a Legalized and Regulated Environment



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Commission
of Canada

Commission de
la santé mentale
du Canada

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consultant to conduct a systematic review and updated scan of best evidence and existing research related to mental health and cannabis use in Canada.

For more information please visit the [MHCC website](#) or download the request for proposals [here](#).

The deadline to apply is **September 28 2018** with all work to be completed by **February 1 2019**.

Training Opportunity: Fundamentals of OCAP



This comprehensive overview of the First Nations principles of OCAP® (Ownership, Control, Access and Possession) is a result of the requests received in recent years from First Nations, students, researchers, academics, federal officials and other interested individuals – nationally and internationally who are looking to gain a better understanding of OCAP® and how it pertains to principled research, data sovereignty, and information governance that respects First Nations.

There is an upcoming opportunity for OCAP® Training in Edmonton, Alberta on **October 4, 2018**. The deadline for registration is **September 21 2018**. Training is open to anyone who is interested in learning! You can download the [training poster here](#) and the [registration form here](#).

The training is offered in partnership with the Alberta First Nations Information Governance Centre (AFNIGC) & Algonquin College. Participants will receive a certificate from Algonquin College upon successful completion of the online testing. If you would like more information on the course, please visit the First Nations Information Governance Centre [Fundamentals of OCAP](#) training page.

AFNIGC will cover the costs associated with the training as well as provide lunch for the participants. Please email [Darcy Jagodzinsky](#) with any questions!

Learning Sessions: Opioid Dependency Treatment Virtual Health Alberta Health Services



Monthly virtual health learning sessions have been announced for 2018-19 by Alberta Health Services,

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identified case discussions, and question and answer periods.

Learning sessions launch on **September 21 2018** with Dr. Rob Tanguay, Dr. Saifee Rashid, Dr. John Pereira & Dr. Alvis Yu, as they discuss the topic of chronic pain and OUD.

For more information please [download the pdf](#) brochure directly. Registration is now open and should be completed through [iScheduler](#).

If you have any registration or iScheduler questions please email telehealth.info@ahs.ca

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Resource: CCSA & CISUR - Canadian Substance Use Costs and Harms (2007-2014)



In June 2018, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA) and the University of Victoria's Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research (CISUR) released a new report, [Canadian Substance Use Costs and Harms \(2007–2014\)](#), covering a broad range of substances including alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, opioids and central nervous system (CNS) depressants, cocaine and CNS stimulants, and other substances such as hallucinogens and inhalants.

Providing national, provincial and territorial estimates for the cost and harms of substance use between 2007 and 2014, the study estimates the total cost of substance in Canada in 2014 at \$38.4 billion. Alcohol and tobacco use contributed over two thirds of these costs, while opioids ranked a distant third.

To learn more and download the full report please visit the [CCSA website](#) or [CISUR website](#). You can also visit the Canadian substance use costs and harms website at csuch.ca to learn more about this project.

Harm Reduction International Conference 2019



HR19 will be 2019's largest international harm reduction event, bringing together over 1,000 people from around the world working at the heart of harm reduction and drug policy. Over four days of presentations, workshops, films, networking events and more, the conference will continue its history of providing a dynamic forum to share the latest research and discussions on best practice in drug use, harm reduction and human rights.

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The conference theme, **People before Politics**, will underpin all HR19 activities and highlight the importance of putting public health and people's lives before political ideology.

To receive conference updates and find more information please visit the [HR19 website](#). Abstract submissions are open until **September 28 2018!**

Questions? Comments? Contributions?
Please be in touch using the information provided below!

News For the Node?

If you have news for the node please send the information that you would like included in our next issue to barb.fornssler@usask.ca. If something is happening in our region we are happy to share!

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