

Evidence Exchange Network's Five Key Messages

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Project Background

Evidence Exchange Network (EENet) is a knowledge exchange network that aims to make Ontario's mental health and addictions system more evidence-informed.

Located in the Provincial System Support Program at CAMH, EENet has been supporting knowledge exchange for 10 Ontario Systems Projects.

Key Message #1

EENet supported knowledge exchange (KE) for the Ontario Systems Projects

Since fall of 2011, EENet has:

- Collaborated with the projects to create KE plans
- Held monthly interactive webinars, generating advance interest in DTFP outputs (800+ attendees)
- Hosted 'live' KE events, connecting researchers, policymakers, service providers, persons with lived experience, family members, etc.
- Provided funds to projects for end-of-grant KE activities

Key Message #2

EENet developed and disseminated knowledge products related to DTFP

Since fall of 2011, EENet has supported the creation of:

- Monthly and quarterly newsletters
- Regular updates to ontariodtftp.ca, eenet.ca, Twitter
- DTFP content for *Mental Health Notes*, the biweekly newsletter by CMHA Ontario
- Project-specific knowledge products (e.g. one-pagers, brochures, guidelines, etc.)
- DTFP video

Key Message #3

EENet enhanced system capacity for evidence-informed decision-making in the addictions treatment system

EENet has been laying the groundwork for a more evidence-informed system, thus enhancing potential uptake of DTFP findings, through:

- CHSRF tool, to help organizations better understand how they use research
- EENet Connect, a new online community where stakeholders can create profiles, post topics, and collaborate
- Support for Communities of Interest

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Key Message #4

EENet supported broadening the evidence base accessible to the Ontario Systems Projects

For example, EENet convened the Persons with Lived Experience and Family Members Advisory Panel, which infused some of the projects with a valuable form of evidence: the perspective of those with lived experience of mental health and addictions as well as their family members.

Key Message #5

EENet grew as a network, increasing 'spread' for the DTFP

- Since September 2011, the DTFP/ EENet subscriber list has doubled from 493 stakeholders to 1007
- ontariodtftp.ca and eenet.ca have received over 10,000 visitors combined
- Presentations/ exhibit booth at various conferences
- Use of social media to spread DTFP (383 Twitter followers)
- EENet has strengthened existing partnerships and forged new ones with health-evidence.ca, OERE, CDRAKE, etc.

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