

Health Canada's Drug Treatment Funding Program (DTFP)

Evidence Exchange Network

An Ontario DTFP Systems Level Project

About the Project: 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 MESSAGES:

- **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.; and provided funds to projects for end-of-grant KE activities
- **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.); and a DTFP video.
- **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; and support for Communities of Interest.
- **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.
- **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; the network has featured presentations/ exhibit booths at various conferences; the network has used social media to spread DTFP (383 Twitter followers); and EENet has strengthened existing partnerships and forged new ones with health-evidence.ca, OERE, CDRAKE, etc.

For further information about EENet, please visit www.ontariodtftp.ca
Please also visit www.eenet.ca and www.eenetconnect.ca