

What is the DTFP?

Through consultations with provincial and territorial governments and non-governmental organizations, Health Canada developed the **Drug Treatment Funding Program (DTFP)** in 2008 as part of the Treatment Action Plan under the National Anti-Drug Strategy.

The DTFP is a federal contribution program designed to support provinces and territories in their efforts to strengthen evidence-informed substance abuse treatment systems; and address critical gaps in substance abuse treatment services, particularly for at-risk youth. Twelve Ontario Systems Projects and seven Service Level Projects have been funded in Ontario.

The DTFP supports sustainable improvement in the quality and organization of substance abuse treatment systems through investments in the following areas:

- Implementation of Evidence Informed Practice
- Strengthening Evaluation and Performance Measurement
- Linkage and Exchange

Approximately \$6.78 million has been committed to fund twelve Ontario Systems Projects and a comprehensive independent evaluation, beginning April 1, 2011 and ending March 31, 2013.

Evidence Exchange Network (EENet; formerly OMHAKEN) is a provincial network that will manage communications and coordinate knowledge exchange activities for the suite of DTFP-funded Ontario Systems Projects.

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Ontario Systems Projects

- **Best Practice Assessment Procedures Project**¹ Developing and implementing a revised protocol for the standardized assessment of clients entering the addictions treatment system in Ontario.
- **Peer Support Services: Best Practices Project**² Developing best practices and tools for front line workers to ensure that peer support services are provided in the best way possible and are appropriately incorporated into the specialized addictions treatment system.
- **Trauma and Substance Abuse: Developing Best Practice Standards Project**³ Developing guidelines and core competencies to support addiction workers working with clients who have a history of trauma.
- **Client Outcome Monitoring Project**⁴ Developing and implementing a system to monitor the outcomes for clients who have participated in addictions treatment services in Ontario.
- **Client Satisfaction Project**⁵ Developing and implementing a sustainable standardized provincial program to assess client satisfaction with addiction treatment services in Ontario based on the SSS-30 and the SSS-RES.
- **Assessment/Benchmark Addictions Treatment Costs Project**⁶ Assessing and comparing the cost of addictions treatment services in Ontario.
- **Addiction Treatment Data Elements and Provincial Service Categories Project**⁷ A review of mandatory data elements and Provincial Services Categories currently collected by the Province's addiction treatment data system to ensure the integrity of each element, its utility for planning and accountability, and alignment with the Province's Addiction Strategy.
- **Residential Support Services Evaluation Project**⁸ An evaluation that will be used to develop and implement best practices and service standards or guidelines for residential support services.
- **Youth Services System Review Project**⁹ A review of the current continuum of addictions services available to youth, ages 12-24, in Ontario, identifying gaps and opportunities for collaboration and enhancement.
- **Supportive Housing Evaluation Project**¹⁰ A systemic evaluation of a supportive housing program targeted to people with problematic substance use that will be used to develop and implement best practices and service standards or guidelines for supportive housing.
- **Evidence Exchange Network Project**¹¹ Promoting the use of research evidence in decision-making by providing an infrastructure to connect research to mental health and addictions research stakeholders across Ontario, developing targeted KT products and tools and supporting interactive exchanges.
- **Making Gains Project**¹² Transforming an established conference to encourage greater system dialogue, evidence-informed practices and interventions, networking and informal information exchange consistent with the DTFP objectives for this investment area.



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