

Harm Reduction



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ontario harm reduction distribution program

Doing What Works

March 2-4, 2008

Welcome to Doing What Works

Ontario Harm Reduction Distribution Program's (OHRDP)

2nd annual conference on Harm Reduction.

The goal of this year's conference is to offer thought provoking and inspiring plenary and concurrent sessions followed by facilitated discussions to encourage the engagement of all participants and the absorption of relevant knowledge. The conference is broken into three streams: Research; Self Care; and Front Line Programming. This allows participants to move across streams to best facilitate their own needs and to meet their individual learning objectives.

Daily Agenda

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Sunday March 2nd

6 - 9 pm	Registration and Information	Delta Ballroom
7 - 10	Meet and Greet Networking Session	Victoria Room

Join us for an open microphone session with musicians from around the province. Snack foods and cash bar.

Monday March 3rd

7:30 - 8:30 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast	Delta Ballroom
8:30 - 8:40	Opening Remarks	Delta Ballroom
	<i>Ron Shore, Director, Ontario Harm Reduction Distribution Program</i>	
8:40 - 8:55	Welcome to Ottawa	Delta Ballroom
	<i>Dr. David Salisbury, Medical Officer of Health, City of Ottawa</i>	
8:55 - 9:45	The War on Drugs: More of the Same Isn't Good Enough	Delta Ballroom
	<i>Eugene Oscapella</i>	
9:45 - 10:00	Round Table Discussion	Delta Ballroom
10:00 - 10:20	Break	Delta Ballroom
10:20 - 11:00	What is Working in Ontario	Delta Ballroom
	<i>Short, sharp snippets from around the province</i>	
11:00 - 12:00	Acceptance, Non-Judgment and Compassion: The Essence of Harm Reduction	Delta Ballroom
	<i>Dr. Gabor Mate, author of "In the Realm of Hungry Ghosts: Close Encounters with Addiction"</i>	

12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch	Delta Ballroom
1:00 - 2:30	Concurrent Sessions: Research	Algonquin A-B
	Harm Reduction and Prison-related Challenges	
	<i>Dr. Liviana M. Calzavara, Associate Professor and Deputy Director, HIV Social, Behavioural and Epidemiological Studies Unit, Department of Public Health Sciences, University of Toronto and Connor McCollum, Federal Hep C Coordinator, Prisoners' HIV/AIDS Support Action Network</i>	
	Working with People who Inject Drugs: A physician's perspective	Algonquin C
	<i>Dr. Wendy Muckle, Dr. Curtis Cooper and Dr. Gabor Mate</i>	
	Self-Care	Champlain
	The Basics: Understanding Compassion Fatigue and Vicarious Trauma	
	<i>Françoise Mathieu, M.Ed., CCC. Compassion Fatigue Specialist (limited enrolment)</i>	
	Manager's Discussion Group: Keeping Staff Healthy	Confederation
	<i>Facilitated by Owen McEwen</i>	
	Front Line	MacKenzie
	Charms and Challenges: Nursing and Harm Reduction	
	<i>Kingston's Alice Howarth, Ottawa's Joanna Binch and others</i>	
	Everything you always wanted to know about DRUGS but were afraid to ask...	Delta Ballroom
	<i>OHRDP Provincial Advisory Committee members</i>	
2:30 - 3:00	Break	

The Living Lounge (Victoria Room)

Inspired by the International Conference in Warsaw we will be providing a comfortable space where you can organize discussions on topics of your choice. Sign up at the Registration Desk and facilitate a dialogue on issues of concern to you and others. It is another opportunity to get your ideas on the table.

While at the conference be mindful of the question:

“How can I incorporate what I am learning here into the challenges I face in my everyday work?”

3:00 - 4:30
Research

Concurrent Sessions:

Toronto’s Street Health Report on Homelessness *Algonquin A*
Laura Cowan, Erika Khandor and Wendy Babcock

I-Track: Measuring trends in HIV and HCV risk in Ontario drug users *Algonquin B-C*
Dr. Peggy Millson Associate Professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences and a researcher in the HIV Social, Behavioural and Epidemiological Studies Unit in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto and I Track site managers

Self-Care

The Basics: Understanding Compassion Fatigue and Vicarious Trauma *Champlain*
Françoise Mathieu, M.Ed., CCC. Compassion Fatigue Specialist (limited enrolment)

Front Line

Gangs, Drugs, and the Street *Delta Ballroom*
Lew Golding and Ron Kanutski

Youth Speaking for Themselves *MacKenzie*
The Harm Reduction Youth Advisory Committee of Ottawa

Creating a Users Network *Confederation*
Raffi Balian, Brent Taylor and Paul Lavigne
Facilitated by Walter Cavalieri

4:30 - 5:00

Open Microphone *Confederation*
The AH-HA Moments...

7:00 - 9:00

Culture Fix *Confederation*
Evening of Poetry Reading
With sandwiches, dessert, and beverages

Tuesday’s Agenda continues on the back...

Video Screening

Cartier Room

Film screenings will take place during the conference. Please refer to the marquee “Now Showing” at the Registration Desk for film titles and schedule.

The Ontario Harm Reduction Distribution Program (OHRDP) provides harm reduction materials, free of charge, to participating programs, to be distributed alongside the traditional needles and syringes of Needle Exchange Programs (NEPs). Products available, intended to reduce the transmission of infectious disease, include sterile water, alcohol prep pads, tourniquets, filters, vitamin c (acidifier), and cookers. In addition to the distribution of harm reduction materials, the OHRDP provides education, learning opportunities, knowledge transfer, intelligence support, and the dissemination of important literature, to NEPs and other harm reduction programs in Ontario. Organizations can access OHRDP on matters of policy and program development, including in-service education.

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Tuesday March 4th

7:30 - 8:30 am **Continental Breakfast** *Delta Ballroom*

8:30 - 9:15 **The Need to Scale Up Harm Reduction in Ontario** *Delta Ballroom*
Lynne Leonard, PhD, Community-based Researcher

9:15 - 10:45 **Concurrent Sessions: Research**
Toronto's Street Health Report on Homelessness *Algonquin A*
Laura Cowan, Erika Khandor and Wendy Babcock

Self-Care
Beyond the basics: Creative Tools to transform Compassion Fatigue and Vicarious Trauma (3 hour session) *Champlain*
Françoise Mathieu, M.Ed., CCC. Compassion Fatigue Specialist (limited enrolment)

Manager's Discussion Group: Keeping Staff Healthy *MacKenzie*
Facilitated by Brian Lester

Front Line
Everything you always wanted to know about DRUGS but were afraid to ask... *Algonquin B-C*
OHRDP Provincial Advisory Committee members

Working with Law Enforcement: Can It Work? *Delta Ballroom*
Senator Larry Campbell

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: perspectives on sex work *Confederation*
Nicholas Little, Men's Outreach Coordinator - AIDS Committee of Ottawa; Rose Moore, Peer Outreach Worker, Street Health, Kingston and J'Lynn Penasie of Thunder Bay

Facilitated by Rhonda Thompson, StreetWorks NEP Coordinator, OHRDP Provincial Advisory Committee member and Niagara Sex Trade Task Force member

10:45 - 11:15 **Break**

11:15 - 12:45 pm **Concurrent Sessions: Research** *Algonquin A*

Basic needs and risk behaviours among clients of London's Counterpoint Needle Exchange Program
Dr. Carol Strike, CAMH, Cass Wender and Nick Scervo

Crack: What's Working and What's Not *Algonquin B-C*
Dr. Lynne Leonard, a community member and a front line worker

Self-Care: In Reach and Out Reach: Keeping things safe for everyone *MacKenzie*
Patrick Shaw and Frank Coburn

Vicarious Trauma: advance session continues *Champlain*

Front Line: Working with Law Enforcement: Can It Work? *Delta Ballroom*
Senator Larry Campbell

Working with Families *Confederation*
Kelly Sexsmith of Street Health Centre, Kingston and Don Young of Superior Points NEP, Thunder Bay

12:45 - 1:30 **Lunch** *Delta Ballroom*

1:30 - 2:15 **Idea Factory and Action Planning:** *Delta Ballroom*
Incorporating what you have learned into your everyday work
Bren Melles

2:15 - 3:00 **Leading us from today into tomorrow** *Delta Ballroom*
Ron Kanutski, Mushkiki-Gizhi-baa-sense-Kwaa, Bear Clan, Registered Social Worker, Native Cultural Coordinator/ Mental Health & Addictions Counsellor Ojibway tribal member of Opwaaganasiniing 1st Nation (Lake Helen Reservation/Red Rock Band) and Whitewater 1st Nation

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