

ADDRESSING SUBSTANCE USE

IN FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS ACROSS CANADA

One of the Correctional Service of Canada's (CSC) top priorities is ensuring that individuals incarcerated in Canada's federal institutions have **ACCESS TO QUALITY, SAFE, PATIENT-CENTRED CARE**. Substance use is a chronic disease that requires a range of prevention, treatment, harm reduction measures and other supports.



Consistent with the Government of Canada's Canadian Drugs and Substance Strategy and recommendations by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, CSC has adopted a **TREATMENT AND HARM REDUCTION APPROACH** aligned with community standards.



A COMPREHENSIVE SUITE OF HEALTH SERVICES WITH A RANGE OF INTERVENTIONS:



THE PROVISION OF OPIOID AGONIST TREATMENT

PSYCHOSOCIAL TREATMENT AND PEER SUPPORT

HARM REDUCTION SERVICES

OPIOID AGONIST TREATMENT (OAT):

- in response to the global opioid overdose crisis
- provided to patients with an opioid use disorder
- CSC works with an expert physician from the community who provides ongoing leadership and advice



SELF-MANAGEMENT AND RECOVERY TRAINING (SMART):

- is a substance use intervention focused on behaviours, thoughts, and feelings to support incarcerated individuals as they work toward their substance use goals (harm reduction to abstinence)
- includes concurrent disorder treatment options and peer support components

THE PRISON NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM (PNEP):

- ten PNEP locations currently available at 9 institutions, with further implementation in progress
- PNEP helps reduce the sharing of needles and the transmission of infectious diseases



THE OVERDOSE PREVENTION SERVICE (OPS):

- provides a safe location within the health care area of an institution where sterile equipment can be used
- currently available in two locations, with further implementation in progress

PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM AND INDIGENOUS PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM:

- availability of both non-Indigenous and Indigenous peer support workers
- Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous groups operate within many institutions



NALOXONE:

- available to first responders in the institutions to reduce risk of fatal overdose
- increased access to Naloxone in 2022 in areas where staff are not always present to ensure incarcerated individuals may access it directly, if needed

A VARIETY OF INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO STAFF AND OFFENDERS, INCLUDING:

- ✓ FACT SHEETS
- ✓ GUIDELINES
- ✓ RESPONSIVITY KITS
- ✓ AND OTHER RESOURCES



COORDINATED PROGRAMS AND INTERVENTIONS

CSC's continuum of correctional programs address multiple types of criminal offending including:



Correctional Programs offered in CSC institutions:

- Integrated Correctional Program Model
- Indigenous Integrated Correctional Program Model
- Inuit Integrated Correctional Program
- Women Offender Correctional Program
- Indigenous Women Offender Correctional Program

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:

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