



CCENDU/HEP Community Action Project

CCENDU (Canadian Community Epidemiology Network on Drug Use) was established in 1995 after a feasibility study was conducted that identified a need for a Canada-wide surveillance system on substance abuse. CCENDU is a collaborative project involving Federal, Provincial and community agencies with intersecting interests in drug use, health and legal consequences of use, treatment, and law enforcement.

In November 2002, the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA) received funding from the National Crime Prevention Centre to develop and document a model for community response to substance abuse and establish community partnerships. The Safe Community Coalition of Brockville & District took the opportunity to participate in this national epidemiology study and received a \$20,000 grant from the CCSA for the CCENDU/HEP Community Action Project.

Fay Garvin, CCENDU Project Coordinator for Brockville & District, will be responsible for the collection, organization and dissemination of quantitative and qualitative information on drug/alcohol use/misuse in the Brockville, Leeds & Grenville area. This information will provide insight and understanding around substance abuse in our areas, as well as contributing factors. A local report will be produced and presented to local agencies/partners and the CCSA.

Data collection will be based on six (6) key indicators utilized by CCENDU: prevalence, law enforcement, treatment, morbidity, mortality and HIV/Aids and Hep C. These indicators are used to track the patterns and trends over time and serve as an early warning system for alcohol and drugs.

A networking committee of health & enforcement representatives with expertise in areas related to the indicators will provide support to the Project Coordinator in the coordination and facilitation of research and data collection.

HEP (Health, Education, and Enforcement in Partnership) is the "action" part of the project. Based on research findings, an effective action plan will be developed to effectively address substance abuse in the community through collaborations involving key community partners.