

Collaborative Research Grant Initiative: Mental Wellness in Seniors and Persons with Disabilities

INFORMATION AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

BACKGROUND

The Ministry of Seniors and Community Supports has provided a grant to Alberta Health Services (AHS), in support of the [Alberta Addiction and Mental Health Research Partnership Program](#). This funding will help to enhance the evidence base relating to the mental health needs of clients served and supported by the Ministry.

The purpose of this five-year *Collaborative Research Grant Initiative* (administered by AHS - Addiction and Mental Health) is to generate knowledge by conducting research and evaluation activities in areas of interest to the Ministry (e.g., independent living, employment, early identification and prevention, polypharmacy, complex cases, and strength-based approaches).

WORKSHOPS

Information and Project Development Workshops will be offered for those interested in applying to the **Ideas and Seed/Bridge Funds**.^{*} These two levels of funding are primarily aimed at supporting service providers and administrators to undertake relevant research and/or evaluation.



- **Ideas Fund** (up to \$8,000): Small, innovative, short-term one-time research/evaluation projects
- **Seed/Bridge Fund** (up to \$25,000): Startup grants for research/evaluation projects (e.g., pilots, literature reviews) or bridging from one phase of the project to next (e.g., to cover funding gaps)

The workshops will provide information about the Collaborative Research Grant Initiative, offer interactive training in proposal development, and introduce research ethics screening tools. These interactive sessions will have in-person and videoconference components. All will be half-day sessions beginning either at 8:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. There is **no cost** to attend and breakfast or lunch will be provided. The dates and locations are as follows:

- **May 26, 2010 - 12:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.** EDMONTON & MEDICINE HAT
- **May 27, 2010 - 12:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.** LETHBRIDGE & LLOYDMINSTER
- **May 28, 2010 - 8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.** EDMONTON & ST. PAUL
- **June 1, 2010 - 8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.** CALGARY & GRANDE PRAIRIE
- **June 2, 2010 - 12:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.** CALGARY & FORT McMURRAY
- **June 3, 2010 - 12:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.** RED DEER

For specific locations and to RSVP to any of these workshops contact Corrina Pasarica at corrina.pasarica@albertahealthservices.ca. Space is limited.

*** PLEASE NOTE THAT ATTENDANCE AT THESE WORKSHOPS IS VOLUNTARY AND NOT REQUIRED IN ORDER TO APPLY FOR CRGI GRANT FUNDING.**