

Guidelines for CRGI Snapshots

In 2008, the former Alberta Mental Health Board (now Alberta Health Services) was granted \$3M in funding from the Ministry of Seniors and Community Supports to advance applied research activity in mental health within areas of interest to their Ministry. The focus will be on generating knowledge to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the programs, services, and support to respond to the mental health needs of seniors and adults with disabilities. Further, the Alberta Addiction and Mental Health Research Partnership Program has created a web-based resource through which addiction and mental health care researchers and practitioners can obtain current and accurate information on the status of addiction and mental health in Alberta and Canada. To further support addiction and mental health practitioners in making best decisions for their clients, we will make available a series of brief summaries of mental health research or evaluation projects for the specific populations of seniors and adults with disabilities. These CRGI Snapshots will be made available online at www.mentalhealthresearch.ca.

Goals

The goal of the CRGI Snapshot is to disseminate addiction and mental health research/evaluation knowledge with regard to a specific population group in a simple and easily accessible format.

Guidelines

For the summary, we would like researchers or practitioners to summarize the findings of their research or evaluation projects and describe any lessons learned. Research/evaluation projects must focus on mental health issues among seniors or persons with disabilities. The summary should be a maximum of 2 pages.

Particulars

Summary length: 2 page maximum (not including references), 1-inch margins, 11pt Arial font

File format: .doc (Word document)

Language: Please use plain language

Headings: Depending on the research topic, please include relevant sections in the summary:

Keywords: Provide 5-9 keywords pertinent to the Snapshot.

Background

Introduce the research/evaluation topic (e.g., seniors and mental health) and why it is important.

Objectives

Outline the purpose and/or objectives of your research/evaluation project. Clearly state your research/evaluation question(s).

Method

Describe the approach used to answer your research/evaluation question(s). This should include sampling technique and size, procedures, measures, and data analysis method.

Results

Outline findings obtained by using the above method.

Conclusions

Briefly describe resulting interpretation(s) and implication(s) (e.g., policy/practice, need for specific type of follow-up research).

Lessons Learned

Highlight any lessons learned from your research/evaluation project. For example, in conducting your project, you may have learned that a certain strategy encouraged persons with disabilities to participate in your project.

References

Provide a list of references for any literature used to produce the one-page summary. If this is an executive summary of a full report, please provide the URL where the full report can be accessed.

