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# Mental Health Research Program Progress Update

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## Research Partnership Program launched



**Dave Hancock, Minister of Alberta Health and Wellness, addresses guests at the launch of the Alberta Mental Health Research Partnership Program.**

On June 13, 2007, more than 80 people gathered in the Wedgewood room at the Fairmont Hotel Macdonald in Edmonton to celebrate the official launch of the Alberta Mental Health Research Partnership Program.

Two exciting developments were announced at the event. The Honourable Dave Hancock, Minister of Alberta Health and Wellness revealed additional funding for one of the research program's key initiatives, the Alberta Centennial Mental Health Research Chairs. The Chairs Program has accumulated nearly \$7 million with contributions from the Ministry of Advanced Education and Technology, the Alberta Mental Health Board, Alberta Health and Wellness, the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission and the Norlien Foundation.

Dr. Jean Ference, Chair of the Alberta Mental Health Board, also announced the launch of the Alberta Mental Health Research Partnership Program website, [www.mentalhealthresearch.ca](http://www.mentalhealthresearch.ca). The website will eventually host the Alberta Research and Innovation Centre for Mental Health. This virtual Centre will function as a web-based resource, coordinating efforts and communications among a network of stakeholders dedicated to the advancement of mental health. Increased collaboration, sharing of knowledge and creating links between researchers, service providers and policy makers are all expected outcomes of the centre.



## Margaret Trudeau to speak at Showcase

Registration is now open for the 3rd annual Mental Health Research Showcase which will be held in Banff, Alberta from November 21 to 23, 2007. To review the advance program and register online, please visit <http://www.buksa.com/showcase/>.

This year's showcase program will feature the following research themes:

- Effectiveness of mental health services in primary care
- Mental health in an aging population
- Mental health and addictions in the workplace
- Wellness, promotion and prevention

We are also delighted to have Margaret Trudeau, the former wife of the late Pierre Trudeau as a keynote speaker. She will share her personal experience of managing mental illness and moving forward to lead a productive and meaningful life.

## Child and Adolescent Mental Health Research Agenda

On June 1, 2007, experts and stakeholders in the area of child and adolescent mental health came together in a priority-setting roundtable discussion to further define the research agenda for child and adolescent mental health in Alberta. A draft report of the day's events and key research themes has been developed. The next step in advancing the research agenda will be to validate the themes generated from the roundtable with the broader stakeholder community.

## Mental Health Studentships available

Applications for Fall 2007 mental health studentships are now available on the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research website at: [http://www.ahfmr.ab.ca/grants/FT-student.php#fts\\_applications](http://www.ahfmr.ab.ca/grants/FT-student.php#fts_applications).

The application deadline is October 1, 2007.

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