



## 2007 Mental Health Research Showcase deemed a success

### Plans already underway for 2008 Showcase

The Alberta Mental Health Board, in partnership with the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission, BC Mental Health and Addiction Services, and Saskatchewan Health, hosted the third annual Mental Health Research Showcase November 21 to November 23, 2007.

The conference's content revolved around four themes:

- 1) Effectiveness of the delivery of mental health services in primary healthcare;
- 2) Mental health in an aging population;
- 3) Mental health and addictions in the workplace; and
- 4) Wellness, promotion, and prevention.

Evaluation responses were overwhelmingly positive, with 96% of respondents agreeing that the showcase was worthwhile attending and 84% planning to attend another Showcase in the future. Approximately 430 delegates attended the sold-out event.

Some highlights from the conference included Margaret Trudeau's keynote presentation, Vincent Felitti's session on the adverse childhood experiences study, and Canada Post's new focus on mental health presented by Robert Waite.

Handouts and abstracts from the showcase are now available online. Please visit [www.amhb.ab.ca/showcase](http://www.amhb.ab.ca/showcase) for more information.

### Mark your calendars!

The dates for the 4th Annual Mental Health Research Showcase have been confirmed for **November 19-21, 2008.**

### AMHB Summer Employment Research Program (ASERP)

Applications for the 2008 AMHB Summer Employment Research Program are now available [online](#). The AMHB is pleased to announce that the wage subsidy has increased from \$7.00 to \$8.00 per hour.

This year's program will subsidize a maximum of 25 positions: two in each Regional Health Authority, four to non-profit organizations, and three to Aboriginal communities. **The deadline for submitting applications is February 22nd.**

## Visit the newly updated Research Partnership website

Bookmark [www.mentalhealthresearch.ca](http://www.mentalhealthresearch.ca) today!



Have you visited the Research Partnership website lately? The website now features upcoming events and will soon include a searchable database of mental health researchers and practitioners in Alberta.

Work is also underway to create an electronic newsletter, which will connect mental health research to practice. The newsletter offers the opportunity to profile Alberta research and evaluation activities.

Suggestions and submissions (e.g. events, funding opportunities) are welcome. Email submissions to [researchpartnership@amhb.ab.ca](mailto:researchpartnership@amhb.ab.ca)

## AMHB-AHFMR Studentship recipients announced

The results of the October 2007 Mental Health Research Studentship competition have been announced. The AMHB would like to congratulate the following students on their successful applications:

**Rachel Grills (University of Alberta):** *Diffusion Tensor Imaging of Major Depressive Disorder - The Effect of Childhood Sexual Abuse on Brain Development*

**Salma Khaled (University of Calgary):** *Reciprocal Effects of Nicotine Dependence and Major Depressive Disorder in the Canadian Population*

The AMHB and the Research Partnership wish these students every success in their research endeavors!

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