



Canada's Drug Strategy emerges from the shadow of cannabis reform

OTTAWA, March 24 /CNW/ — The long-awaited renewal of Canada's Drug Strategy (CDS) was all but ignored in the media frenzy that greeted the federal government's simultaneous call for cannabis reform last May. That reform was quietly re-introduced to Parliament in February as Bill C-10 and attention is at last turning to the CDS and what it means to Canadians.

You can read about this and other developments in the addictions field in the latest issue of Action News, the newsletter of the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA). You can view and/or download the complete issue of Action News at <http://www.ccsa.ca/index.asp?ID=83>).

Other highlights of Vol. XIV No 1 include:

- A new survey instrument is being developed to measure problem gambling and related problems among Canadian adolescents.
- Retired Toronto deputy police chief Michael Boyd is spearheading a new effort by CCSA to promote dialogue on drug issues.
- Some good things happen when a workshop on fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) gets bogged down in snow in a remote Labrador town.
- CCSA is tackling training and education issues in the addictions treatment field with a national survey of treatment professionals.

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