



## About CCSA

CCSA is Canada's national addictions agency. Established by an Act of Parliament in 1988, the Centre provides objective, evidence-based information and advice aimed at reducing the health, social and economic harm associated with substance abuse and addictions. CCSA activities and products are made possible through a financial contribution from Health Canada through Canada's Drug Strategy.

Headquartered in Ottawa, CCSA employs 28 full-time staff and a number of part-time associates dedicated to disseminating information, providing policy guidance, and sharing treatment knowledge and best practices related to substance abuse. CCSA works collaboratively with governments, researchers, enforcement agencies, treatment professionals and the private sector to achieve a balanced and holistic approach to addictions that will lead to a healthier and safer Canadian public.

### Our core activities:

#### *Transferring knowledge*

CCSA informs decisions, actions and the public debate by gathering and sharing balanced information on alcohol and other drug issues with Canada's substance abuse community.

#### *Developing and informing policy*

As Canada's national addictions agency, and as a leader in knowledge transfer, CCSA ensures that evidence, not ideology or anecdote, informs Canada's responses to alcohol and other drug issues.

#### *Building partnerships*

CCSA builds partnerships that help Canadian addictions stakeholders leverage their resources, build capacity and share information.

## CCSA at-a-glance

Location: 75 Albert Street, Suite 300  
Ottawa, ON, K1P 5E7

Year established: 1988

Web address: <http://www.ccsa.ca>

Employees: 28

CEO: Michel Perron

Chairman of the Board: Chief Barry V. King, OOM



## Highlights in CCSA's history

- 1988** Legislation to create the CCSA passed with all-party support in Parliament. CCSA is established with \$2 million in annual funding.
- 1989** First meeting of CCSA Board of Directors is chaired by Dr. H. David Archibald.  
Government of Canada announces appointment of first CEO, Jan Skirrow.
- 1990** CCSA launches *National Clearinghouse on Substance Abuse*, publishes its first issue of *Action News* and submits its first *Annual Report*.
- 1992** Canada's Drug Strategy (CDS), originally established in 1987, is renewed with commitment of \$270 million over five years. CCSA's funding is reduced from \$2 million to \$1.42 million.
- 1994** CCSA publishes first *Directory of Substance Abuse Treatment Services in Canada*.
- 1995** CCSA launches its website at [www.ccsa.ca](http://www.ccsa.ca)
- 1996** CCSA publishes the *International Guidelines for Estimating the Costs of Substance Abuse* and then releases Canada's first cost study, *The Costs of Substance Abuse in Canada*, based on these guidelines.
- 1999** Michel Perron is appointed CEO.
- 2001** Health Minister Allan Rock announces the appointment of Chief Barry V. King as Chair of CCSA's Board of Directors.
- 2003** Report of the Senate Special Committee on Illegal Drugs expresses strong support for CCSA's leadership in the addictions field, and CCSA is singled out for a leadership role in the report of the House of Commons Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs.  
  
CCSA receives \$21.5 million funding commitment over five years as part of the renewal of Canada's Drug Strategy (CDS). Total CDS funding is \$245 million over five years.



**2005** CCSA launches a new web resource for Canada's Northern Territories

CCSA releases *Optimizing Canada's Addiction Treatment Workforce*, a report that details the findings of the first-ever national survey of the substance abuse and addictions workforce in Canada.

CCSA releases the detailed report from the *Canadian Addiction Survey (CAS)*, the first national survey dedicated to alcohol, cannabis and other drug use since *Canada's Alcohol and Other Drugs Survey (CADS)* in 1994.

CCSA releases *Substance Abuse in Canada: Current Challenges and Choices*, a collaborative report which explores a series of key contemporary issues in substance abuse and the potential policy implications for Canada.

*Issues of Substance*, CCSA's first national conference on substance abuse and addiction, is held in Markham, ON.

**2006** CCSA releases *The Costs of Substance Abuse in Canada: 2002*, a follow-up to the first cost study released in 1996 based on international research guidelines created that same year.



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