

ALBERTA DRUG STRATEGY



The Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC), in collaboration with government partners and community groups, has developed the Alberta Drug Strategy, which sets a vision and an action framework for a co-ordinated, community-based approach to prevent and reduce the harms related to alcohol and other drug use in Alberta.

The Alberta Drug Strategy focuses on four key elements—prevention, harm reduction, treatment, policing and enforcement—to ensure a balanced and comprehensive approach in responding to the issues.

STRONGER TOGETHER

The Alberta Drug Strategy's theme—Stronger Together—reflects the collaborative spirit of this initiative that invites multiple partners, including provincial government ministries, regional authorities, drug coalitions, community agencies, families and individuals, to work toward a common goal.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Alberta Drug Strategy address fundamental expectations over the long term:

- Decrease alcohol and other drug problems in at-risk groups
- Reduce alcohol and other drug-related morbidity and mortality
- Reduce the harms associated with alcohol and other drug use
- Delay the onset of alcohol and other drug use
- Decrease the availability of illicit drugs
- Decrease health, social and economic costs

PRINCIPLES FOR ACTION

The five guiding principles of the Alberta Drug Strategy are intended to facilitate achievement of the strategy's objectives:

- Comprehensive
- Collaborative
- Co-ordinated
- Sustainable
- Evidence-Based

PRIORITIES: FOCUSING EFFORTS

The priorities of the Alberta Drug Strategy are intended to leverage experience and resources, and guide actions that may be provincial, regional or local in scope.

- Leadership and Accountability
- Partnerships and Community Capacity
- Information and Research
- Continuum of Services
- Legislation and Regulation

PROVINCIAL-LEVEL ACTIONS

- Enhance Support for Community Action
- Respond to Use and Production of Methamphetamine
- Expand Youth Treatment
- Intervene With Drug-Endangered Children
- Address Alcohol Use and Abuse
- Increase Knowledge for Decision-Making

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