

BC ECHO on SUBSTANCE USE



Monthly Newsletter: July 2021

In this issue of the BC ECHO on Substance Use newsletter, you'll find resources, news updates, and feature articles on topics related to substance use care in BC and Yukon.

Mentorship in Medicine: An Interview with Dr. Leslie Lappalainen



Dr. Leslie Lappalainen is the Medical Lead for Addiction Medicine, Mental Health and Substance Use (MHSU) at Interior Health Authority, and runs a clinical practice in Kelowna. She is also a member of the BC ECHO on Substance Use hub team. In this Interview, Dr. Lappalainen discusses mentorship, addictions care, and building capacity in rural communities.

- [Mentorship in Medicine: Dr. Leslie Lappalainen on building capacity in rural communities](#)

BC ECHO on Substance Use programming

Reminder: BC ECHO on Substance Use sessions are now on our YouTube channel.

- [Watch here](#)

Join us for more sessions this fall!

BC ECHO on Substance Use programming will pause over the summer and our regularly scheduled Opioid Use Disorder and Alcohol Use Disorder ECHO sessions will return this fall.

- For new session dates and topics, stay tuned through these newsletters, or by visiting <https://bcechoonsubstanceuse.ca/#upcoming-sessions>.
- Do you have a colleague interested in joining the community of practice? New members can register using the link above.

New Resources for Substance Use Care

"Increase the Support. Reduce the Harm.": a harm reduction campaign and video series by First Nations Health Authority

This campaign features personal stories and perspectives from people with lived and living experience of substance use and their families. Individuals from many nations are represented.

- [Increase the Support. Reduce the Harm.](#)

24/7 Addiction Medicine Clinician Support Line

This support line provides telephone consultation to physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, midwives, and pharmacists involved in addiction and substance use care in British Columbia. Specialists with expertise in addiction medicine (including emergency, acute, and community care) are available to support screening, assessment, treatment and management of substance use and substance use disorder(s).

- [Find out more](#) or call the support line at 778 945 7619

News from Around BC

- News (from Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions): [B.C. introduces new prescribed safer supply policy, a Canadian first](#)

- News (from Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions): [Expanded low- and no-cost community counselling, virtual services coming](#)
 - News (from Island Health Authority): [Tailgate Toolkit partnership tackles substance use, offers supports for tradespeople](#)
 - News (from CBC): [Mobile safe consumption site launches in Penticton to help prevent overdose deaths](#)
 - News (from CBC): [Vancouver psychedelics company gets Health Canada greenlight for MDMA therapy study](#)
 - News (from CBC): [Downtown Eastside's exclusion from park drinking pilot a 'policy failure', advocate says](#)
-

News from Across Canada

- News (from Statistics Canada): [Provisional death counts and excess mortality, including overdose – January 2020 to April 2021](#)
 - Policy Brief (from Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction): [On-Premise Cannabis Use: Public Health and Safety Considerations](#)
 - News (from Canadian Society of Addiction Medicine): [Bursaries available for young Canadians interested in addiction medicine \(deadline August 15th\)](#)
 - Survey (from Canadian Public Health Association): [Survey of professionals on a public health approach to substance use](#)
 - News (from CBC): [Opioid deaths in Canada increased by 592% over 17-year period, University of Waterloo study indicates](#)
-

Career Opportunities at the BCCSU

The British Columbia Centre on Substance use is currently hiring for the following roles:

- Director, Education and Clinical Activities
- Associate Director, Education and Clinical Activities
- Indigenous Initiatives Lead
- IT manager
- Interviewer, iOAT study

View current postings, and keep up to date with future opportunities at bccsu.ca/career-opportunities/.

The BC ECHO on Substance Use aims to build confidence and skills among primary care providers and their teams in British Columbia and Yukon. By bringing clinicians with addictions expertise and primary care providers together in a substance use community of practice, we hope to improve the implementation of evidence-based care in our communities.

This newsletter is one part of the BC ECHO on Substance Use, an initiative funded by Health Canada and the GPSC, a partnership of the Government of BC and Doctors of BC. The views expressed herein do not necessarily represent the views of Health Canada or the GPSC.

[Unsubscribe](#)