

National Partners Partenaires nationaux



National Partners IN CANADA'S HIV RESPONSE

About the National Partners

Who we are

The National Partners in Canada's HIV Response is a coalition of 10 Canadian HIV/AIDS stakeholder groups representing national service organizations, frontline agencies, knowledge-providers, researchers and people who are living with and vulnerable to HIV and AIDS. Working respectfully with those most affected, we strive to ensure that government decisions and private sector actions are informed by an evidence-based knowledge of the needs of the community.

What we do

We collectively represent the concerns of many different organizations and sectors responding to HIV and related co-infections such as hepatitis C, and individuals living with HIV and we ensure that those concerns are heard at the national and international levels. We provide direct services that include developing programs and resources for people living with or vulnerable to HIV, we support the work of frontline agencies, we bring our specialized expertise to different dimensions of the epidemic, and we engage with many other stakeholders in strengthening Canada's response to HIV. We are also key partners with the Public Health Agency of Canada, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, and other federal government departments and agencies in implementing the Federal Initiative to Address HIV/AIDS in Canada.

How we do it: The foundations of our response

Greater Involvement of People Living with HIV and AIDS (GIPA)

We embrace the GIPA principle, endorsed by the United Nations, to support a greater involvement of people living with HIV at all levels and to stimulate the creation of supportive political, legal and social environments.

Meaningful engagement of vulnerable populations

We learn from, and form alliances with, organizations that represent and/or work with vulnerable populations.

Partnership

We nurture mutually beneficial partnerships with each other as well as with other organizations in order to better inform and propel the HIV response across Canada.

Global engagement

We recognize that we cannot effectively address HIV/AIDS in Canada without combatting the epidemic globally.

Collaborative learning

We engage in collaborative learning to develop organizational capacity within the HIV/AIDS voluntary sector – at the national, provincial and local levels – to provide the necessary programs and services to support people living with, and at risk for, HIV and AIDS.

Leadership

We exercise leadership in facilitating discussions and actions that support the development of public policy in the national HIV response.

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Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN)

CAAN is a not-for-profit coalition of individuals and organizations that provides leadership, support and advocacy for Aboriginal people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS, regardless of where they reside. <caan.ca>

Canadian AIDS Society (CAS)

CAS speaks as the national voice and acts as a forum for a community-based response to HIV infection and advocates for persons so affected; and acts as a resource for its member organizations and coordinates community-based participation in a national strategy on HIV and AIDS. <www.cdn aids.ca>

Canadian Association for HIV Research (CAHR)

CAHR promotes excellence in HIV research; fosters collaboration and cooperation among HIV research communities, including basic science, clinical science, epidemiology and public health, and social science; promotes education and the development of new researchers; and provides a unified voice for Canadian HIV researchers. <www.cahr-acrv.ca>

Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network

The Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network promotes the human rights of people living with and vulnerable to HIV/AIDS, in Canada and internationally, through research and analysis, advocacy and litigation, public education and community mobilization. <www.aidslaw.ca>

Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA)

CPHA is a national, independent, not-for-profit, voluntary association representing public health in Canada with links to the international public health community. <www.cpha.ca>

Canadian Treatment Action Council (CTAC)

CTAC is a national non-governmental organization run by and for people living with HIV/AIDS and co-infected with viral hepatitis to secure access to treatment, care, and support. CTAC builds partnerships with the public, private, and not-for-profit sectors. <www.ctac.ca>

Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation (CWGHR)

CWGHR is a leader and catalyst for improved rehabilitation services for people living with HIV, through integrated research, education, policy and practice. <www.hivandrehab.ca>

CATIE

CATIE is Canada's source for up-to-date, unbiased information about HIV and hepatitis C, connecting people living with HIV or hepatitis C, at-risk communities, healthcare providers and community organizations with the knowledge, resources and expertise to reduce transmission and improve quality of life. <www.catie.ca>

CIHR Canadian HIV Trials Network (CTN)

The CTN is an innovative partnership of clinical investigators, physicians, nurses, people living with HIV, pharmaceutical manufacturers and others that facilitates HIV and related co-infection clinical trials of the highest scientific and ethical standards. <www.hivnet.ubc.ca>

Interagency Coalition on AIDS and Development (ICAD)

ICAD provides leadership in the response of Canadian international development organizations and Canadian HIV organizations in reducing the impact of the global HIV and AIDS epidemic. <www.icad-cisd.com>

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