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THE CANADIAN ABORIGINAL AIDS NETWORK (CAAN)

Overview

The Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network is a national, not-for-profit organization:

- Established in 1997
- Represents over 340 member organizations and individuals
- Governed by a National thirteen member Board of Directors
- A four member Executive Board of Directors
- Provides a National forum for members to express needs and concerns
- Ensures access to HIV/AIDS-related services through advocacy
- Provides relevant, accurate and up-to-date HIV/AIDS information

Mission Statement

As a key national voice of a collection of individuals, organizations and provincial/territorial associations, CAAN provides leadership, support and advocacy for Aboriginal people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS. CAAN faces the challenges created by HIV/AIDS in a spirit of wholeness and healing that promotes empowerment, inclusion, and honours the cultural traditions, uniqueness and diversity of all First Nations, Inuit and Métis people regardless of where they reside.

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Editorial Policies: Purpose and Audience

The CJACBR is an annual on-line and paper journal published by CAAN as a service to its members and anyone with an interest in Aboriginal Community-Based Research.

The CJACBR is a peer-reviewed journal which welcomes contributions for any author. Priority however, may be given to an author of Aboriginal ancestry/background, should manuscripts of comparable quality be available. First consideration will be given to innovative articles covering areas identified as HIV/AIDS research-intensive which demonstrates the use of Aboriginal Community-Based Research (ACBR) methods or philosophy.

Articles published in CJACBR are directed toward several audiences. The primary audience is Aboriginal HIV/AIDS service organizations and Aboriginal people living with HIV/AIDS (APHAs). The CJACBR secondary audiences include community leaders, policy and decision-makers, and anyone with an interest in HIV/AIDS, particularly within Aboriginal populations and communities.

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Introduction

The inaugural edition of the Canadian Journal of Aboriginal Community-based HIV/AIDS Research (CJACBR) was published in the Summer of 2006. This was an exciting time when the International AIDS Conference was held in Toronto. The CJACBR was launched during the International Indigenous Peoples Satellite, an event preceding the conference itself. Response to this new forum for sharing research results and reflecting on Aboriginal community-based research has been overwhelmingly positive. It is with great pleasure that we move forward again with the production of a supplement to the first edition.

CAAN continues to advocate for an increase in the scientific examination of the HIV epidemic as it impacts the Aboriginal community. We are invested in developing the CJACBR as a well respected academic journal with absolute relevance to the grass roots communities that we serve from sea to sea to sea. We continue to engage in community-based research as an organization and support capacity building at the community level. The CJACBR provides an excellent resource to share insights learned through CAAN's work and to highlight the hard work that is ongoing across Canada and around the world in response to HIV/AIDS and Indigenous Peoples.

Once again, the Editorial Peer Review Board offered carefully considered feedback for each article submitted for publication. The outcome is a supplement to the inaugural edition of the journal which shares articles that meet the high standards we have set for both academic and community integrity. These articles address the needs of APHAs and the reality of the impact of stigma. Both of these issues are core concerns for the CAAN membership as demonstrated through resolutions from our Annual General Assemblies.

The CJACBR is still a new medium for sharing insights regarding research processes within the Aboriginal HIV/AIDS movement and we look forward to nurturing the growth of the journal. The ongoing publication of this journal continues to fill a significant void in the literature base regarding Aboriginal Peoples and HIV/AIDS. We will continue to use this as a resource to create opportunities to highlight excellence in Aboriginal community-based HIV/AIDS research.

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