

Youth Substance Use Services

RESOURCES

Resource	Description
Suicide Crisis Helpline: 988	 This lifesaving service provides support by phone or text to people in every province and territory in Canada, 24/7 and 365 days a year.
BC Children's Hospital	· Mental Health Protocols & Guidelines
BC Centre on Substance Use (BCCSU)	 Provincial Organization that provides research, education and training & clinical care guidance.
Child Health BC	· Clinician Resource Search
Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)	 Canada's largest mental health teaching hospital and one of the world's leading research centres in its field (affiliated with the University of Toronto)
CATIE	 Canada's official knowledge broker for HIV and hepatitis C, they provide up-to-date, accurate and unbiased information.
Toward the Heart	 A part of the BC Centre for Disease Control, the group works to reduce harms and ensure that every person has the right to the best health possible.
BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC)	A PHSA program that provides provincial and national leadership in disease surveillance, detection, treatment, prevention and consultation. Unregulated Drug Poisoning Emergency Dashboard (bccdc.ca) Guidelines for Providing Harm Reduction Services to Youth in BC (.pdf)
First Nations Health Authority (FNHA)	 FNHA plans, designs, manages and funds the delivery of First Nations health programs across BC.
Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA)	 NGO est. in 1988 to provide national leadership on substance use and to advance solutions to address alcohol- and other drug-related harms.

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Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT)	The Happiness Trap (ACT)
	ACT Free Resources (psychwire)
Acquired Brain Injury (ABI)	Brain Injury Canada: Brain Injury & Teens
Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE)	ACE: A toolkit for practitioners
Anxiety	- Compass (compassbc.ca)
	· Anxiety Canada
Attention Deficit Hyper-activity Disorder	Canadian ADHD Resource Alliance (CADDRA)
(ADHD)	Find information and assessment tools here
	Women with ADHD - Practice Tip (2022)
	Adult ADHD - Practice Tip (2021)
Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)	Autism and Neurodiversity in Primary Care (ASD)
	· Recognize and Refer (eLearning modules)
	Centre for Interdisciplinary Research and Collaboration in Autism (CIRCA)
BC Centre on Substance Use (BCCSU)	BCCSU – British Columbia Centre on Substance Use
Cannabis	Cannabis Education for Health Care Providers Toolkit
	Lower-risk Cannabis Use Guidelines for Youth
	· Cannabis & Mental Health (course)
Case Management	Case Management (NIH 2022)
Childhood Brain Development	Brain Story Certification (free course)
Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT)	Kelty's Key Online Therapy
	- Centre for Clinical Intervention
	Get Self Help: CBT Resources
	CBT Free Resources (psychwire)



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Concurrent Disorders	· Compass (compassbc.ca)
See also:	BCMHSUS Concurrent Disorders Toolkit
· Anxiety	Concurrent Disorders: When Substance Use Meets Mental Health (podcast)
· ADHD	A Family Guide to Concurrent Disorders (CAMH 2007)
· Depression	BC Mental Health & Substance Use Services: Centre for Learning
· Eating Disorders	DSM-5-TR Library
· FASD	 Caring for youth with co-occurring substance use and severe psychiatric disorders:
· Psychosis	diagnostic challenges and clinical implications (2023)
· Screening tools	diagnostic chancinges and chinical implications (2025)
Crisis Resources	· 1-800-SUICIDE (1-800-784-2433)
	· Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868 or text 686868
	· Youth in BC
	· Crisis Centre BC
	Head Space (KUU crisisline)
Decriminalization	Decriminalizing people who use drugs in BC
Depression	- Compass (compassbc.ca)
	BounceBack
Dialectical Behavioural Therapy (DBT)	· DBT Self Help
	· DBT (CAMH)
	Behavioral Tech
	Service Providers Working with People with BPD
	DBT Free Resources (psychwire)
Drug Interactions	Drug Cocktails: Facts about mixing medicine, booze and street drugs
	Commonly Used Drugs Charts
Early Psychosis Intervention (EPI)/Psychosis	· Early Psychosis Intervention
	· Psychosis (CAMH)
Eating Disorders	· Compass (compassbc.ca)
-	Body Image and Eating Disorders
	National Eating Disorder Information Centre (NEDIC)
	· Looking Glass Foundation BC
	Kelty Eating Disorders
Emotion-focused Family Therapy (EFFT)	Mental Health Foundations
Family/Caregiver Resources	You Have the Power (MADD)
, .	Warning Signs of Suicide in Youth and Teens
	From Grief to Action: Coping Kit - Dealing with Addiction in Your Family
	Mental Health Wellness Modules (Here to Help)
	Family Self-care and recovery from Mental Illness
	Family Therapy Overview
	Some Ideas for Helping Conversations Go Better (Family Smart)
	Language We Use (Family Smart)
	Parents like us. The unofficial survival guide to parenting a young person with a
	substance use disorder (2021)
Family Involvement	Recommendations on Youth/Parent/Family Engagement
,	Family Smart Resources
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)	Canada FASD Research Network
	Moving Towards FASD-Informed Care In Substance Use Treatment (2022)
Festivals	Have A Fun Festival: Safer Drug Use At Music Festivals
. 656.4415	DanceSafe
Foundry BC	Foundry Resources & Workshops
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Gender-affirming Care	 TransCareBC Gender Resources Gender-affirming Care for Trans, Two Spirit and Gender Diverse Patients in BC: A Primary Care Toolkit (2023) Indigenous gender diversity: creating culturally relevant and gender-affirming services eLearning; approximately 3 hours
Grief & Loss	 Grief & Loss Gone too Soon: Navigating grief and loss as a result of substance use
Groups	From Grief to Action: Coping Kit - Dealing with Addiction in Your FamilyGroup Therapy (CAMH)
Guiding Legislation for Youth	 Effective Group Counselling (1994) Child, Family and Community Service Act Reporting Child Abuse in BC Infants Act Jordan's Principle Accessing Jordan's Principle Handbook (2019) Mental Health Act Youth Criminal Justice Act
Harm Reduction	 Harm Reduction Fundamentals (CATIE) 4 units that should take about an hour each to complete Indigenous Harm Reduction (FNHA) Toward the Heart (BCCDC) Best Practice Recommendations: For Canadian Programs that Provide Harm Reduction Supplies to PWUD Safer Use Series (Here to Help) ANKORS Resources
Indigenous Learning	 Indigenous Canada (eLearning) Len Pierre Consulting Podcast San'yas Anti-racism Indigenous Cultural Safety Training Program
Kelty Mental Health	Substance Use & Related Challenges Kelty Mental Health
Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD)	Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD)
Motivational Interviewing/Brief Action Planning (MI/BAP)	Centre for Collaboration Motivation & Innovation (CCMI) MI Free Resources (psychwire)
Peer Support	Peer Connect BC Peer Life: A Degree in Street Knowledge
Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR)	· PSR Canada
Recovery-oriented Services	 Guidelines for Recovery-oriented Practice (2015) Moving Toward a Recovery-oriented System of Care: A resource for service providers and decision makers (2017)
Screening Tools	 Screening and brief intervention tools Screening and Assessment Tools Chart for Substance Use Assessment of Screening Tools to Identify Substance Use Disorders Among Adolescents (2023) MacLean Screening Instrument for BPD CRAFFT Finding Your ACE Score
Seeking Safety	· Seeking Safety
Self-compassion	· Self Compassion

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Stigma	· Combating Mental Illness- and Substance Use-Related Stigma Related Structural
	Stigma in Health Care (2020)
	· Addressing Stigma (CAMH)
Suicide Risk Assessment	Warning Signs of Suicide in Youth and Teens
	· Compass (compassbc.ca)
	· Child & Youth Suicide Prevention
Tobacco & Vaping	Understanding Tobacco Use and Vaping Among BC Youth
Trauma Informed Practice	Trauma-informed Practice (TIP) Resources)
	 Healing Families, Helping Systems: A Trauma-informed Practice Guide for Working with Children, Youth and Families (2017)
Transition to Adult Services	Youth & Emerging Adults: Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction
	· Aged Out
	Youth Preparing to Leave Government Care Factsheet
Treatment Facilities	Youth Substance Use Bed-based Services in BC
	· Live-in Substance Use Treatment for Youth
	Maples Adolescent Treatment Centre
Webinars/Podcasts	Child & Youth MHSU Webinars (recordings)
	Crackdown: The drug war, covered by drug users
Youth Thrive	Youth Thrive in Practice: Social Connections with Family and Caregivers
	Youth Thrive in Practice: Social Connections with Peers
	Youth Thrive in Practice: Social Connections with Peer Mentors
Youth Forensics	Youth Forensic Psychiatric Services
	Forensic Psychiatry Act
Youth Sexual Health	· Sexual Health Toolkit
	· Safer Sex
	Smart Sex Resource (BCCDC)
Youth Substance Use	High-Risk Substance Use Among Youth (US CDC)
	Adolescent Substance Use Disorder Treatment: An Update on Evidence-Based
	Strategies (2019)
	Pharmacological Treatment of Youth Substance Use Disorders (2019)
	· Collaborative Toolbox
	· One stop shop for child and youth MHSU resources