

# Cross-Ministry Initiatives Supporting Mental Health and Addictions Action Plan Recommendations December 1, 2014

Lead Ministry	Name of Initiative
<b>Education</b>	<b>Anti-Bullying Strategy:</b> Detailed in the recently released <i>Action Plan to Address Bullying and Cyberbullying</i> , multiple initiatives are underway to create safe and accepting environments for children and youth.
	<b>Tell Them From Me:</b> An online survey measuring key evidence-based indicators for children’s social, emotional and student outcomes. Questions relate to mental health and addictions issues including tobacco, alcohol and drug use.
	<b>KidsFirst:</b> A voluntary program that helps vulnerable families to become the best parents they can be and to have the healthiest children possible. The program enhances knowledge, provides support and builds on family strengths.
	<b>Family Resource Centre Prototype Sites:</b> Centres focus on parenting education to strengthen parenting skills that will foster nurturing environments; early learning to enhance child development with positive experiences and play; family wellness and support to identify and build skills and promote family health and wellness; and information and referrals to families to access supports for raising healthy children.
	<b>Prekindergarten Programs:</b> Developmentally-appropriate early childhood education programs for three- and four-year-old children with a strong focus on social-emotional development. Children who would benefit most from enhanced programming are prioritized for enrolment.
	<b>Child Care Inclusion Supports:</b> Provides grants to child care facilities to include children with diverse needs, such as additional supervision, guidance or assistance, in child care programs.
<b>Justice</b>	<b>Drug Treatment Court:</b> Therapeutic courts in Regina and Moose Jaw that address drug addiction as an underlying cause of criminal activity. Program partners are the Saskatchewan Judiciary, Legal Aid, Regina Qu’Appelle Health Region, and Five Hills Health Region.
	<b>Mental Health Court:</b> Therapeutic program providing alternative to incarceration, this docket court focuses on offenders with mental health issues. Located in Saskatoon and Regina. Program partners include the Saskatchewan Judiciary and health regions.
	<b>Kate’s Place:</b> Supportive housing for up to 11 women participating in the Regina Drug Treatment Court. Operated by the Salvation Army.
	<b>Interpersonal Violence Strategy:</b> Focus on interpersonal violence against spouses, children and youth, elderly, dating violence, bullying, etc. Other partners include community-based organizations, municipal police and RCMP.
	<b>Counsel for Children:</b> Ensures that children/youth have the opportunity to be heard in child protection proceedings. This may be helpful in identifying or addressing post-traumatic stress suffered by children in these circumstances.

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<b>Corrections and Policing (Ministry of Justice)</b>	<b>Hub &amp; COR:</b> Hub provides immediate support to at-risk families. Currently 11 Hubs (Meadow Lake, Lloydminster, North Battleford, Prince Albert, La Ronge, Saskatoon, Nipawin, Swift Current, Moose Jaw, Weyburn/Estevan and Yorkton). The Centre of Responsibilities (CORs) provide long-term goals and initiatives for crime reduction. CORs are currently located in Prince Albert and Saskatoon.
	<b>Hotspotting:</b> Two Hotspotting initiatives: First is to determine most frequent users of hospital emergency departments who have mental health issues, now being conducted in Regina and Saskatoon. Second initiative will focus on complex families. Both are in their early stages.
	<b>Police and Crisis Team (PACT):</b> Police officer/mental health worker team attends calls related to individuals experiencing mental health crises in Saskatoon.
	<b>Serious Violent Offender Initiative:</b> A partnership with Canadian Mental Health Association to provide coordinated services for offenders with history of serious violent offending and mental disorders. Objective is to stabilize offenders with emotional and behavioral problems to become productive community citizens.
	<b>Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford Integrated Correctional Facility:</b> 96-room correctional facility that will house male and female offenders with mental health issues.
<b>Health</b>	<b>Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford Rebuild:</b> Rebuild of the psychiatric rehabilitation hospital, increasing total beds from 156 to 188.
	<b>Outpatient Mental Health and Addictions Wait Time Reduction:</b> Work to reduce wait times for outpatient mental health and addictions services by meeting benchmarks will help improve access.
	<b>Suicide Prevention Protocols:</b> Suicide prevention protocols are being spread beyond mental health and addictions services, for use in sites such as long term care.
	<b>Youth Residential Addictions Treatment:</b> The Valley Hill Youth Treatment Centre (a partnership between the Ministry of Health, Prince Albert Parkland Regional Health Authority and Prince Albert Grand Council) provides access to culturally responsive residential alcohol and drug treatment services for youth.
	<b>Family-based Addictions Treatment:</b> The recently opened Family Treatment Centre in Prince Albert is providing access to residential addictions treatment services for women with young children.
	<b>Gentle Persuasive Approach Training:</b> Training of staff in long term care homes is being funded under the Urgent Issues Action Fund to help front line staff to provide better care for residents with dementia.

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<b>Social Services</b>	<b>Poverty Reduction Strategy:</b> The Strategy, currently under development, will examine how to better support individuals and families with low incomes and will recommend actions to reduce the incidence of poverty in Saskatchewan.
	<b>Positive Parenting Program:</b> Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) to give parents the skills and confidence they need to parent well and address common child and adolescent social, emotional and behavioural problems.
	<b>Disability Strategy:</b> The Strategy will focus on the priority areas specified in the Plan for Growth: accessibility, affordability and availability of housing; transportation; employment; education; support for community inclusion; and support for caregivers. Other priorities may be identified during the consultation process.
	<b>Intensive In-home Support:</b> Provides intensive after-hours, in-home family support for families in crisis, and strives to ensure child safety while maintaining the family unit through direct support and supervision.
	<b>Raising Hope:</b> A project that houses and supports at-risk pregnant women.
	<b>Saskatchewan Housing Corporation Rental Development Program:</b> Provides funding for the development of affordable housing units for persons who may be hard to house due to addictions, mental illness or other challenges.
	<b>Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability (SAID)</b> Provides a socially acceptable income support for people with significant and enduring disabilities, which may include disability due to mental health or addictions.
	<b>Cold Weather Strategy:</b> Ensures community services provide the best possible supports for people without homes through enhanced co-ordination and communication, such as referrals to detox programs and expansions in shelter capacity.