



Ontario AIDS Network



**Transforming the Landscape of Community-based Research in Ontario
through Leadership and Innovation**

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The Ontario AIDS Network (OAN) and the Ontario HIV Treatment Network (OHTN) are pleased to announce a new partnership to enhance community-based HIV research in Ontario. Together, we will help community-based organizations, academic agencies, policy makers and people living with HIV work together to develop an integrated community-based research agenda for Ontario. Our goal is to get the right information to the right people to make the best possible program and policy decisions for people living with HIV and those at risk for HIV infection. Our joint program will include training and support in:

- Community-based research (principles, methods and approaches)
- Partnership building with community organizations, academics and decision-makers
- Developing grant applications for CIHR and the OHTN for AIDS service organizations in Ontario wanting to engage in community-based research and integrated knowledge translation and exchange initiatives
- Integrating GIPA principles
- Providing resources for literature reviews and research syntheses, the building blocks necessary for developing proposals and grants and policy initiatives
- Developing applications for ethics review
- Knowledge translation and exchange

This unique and innovative partnership will enhance the landscape of community-based research in Ontario by providing the necessary tools and resources to influence programs, services and policies that will lead to better health of people living with and affected by HIV.

If you are a member of a community-based organization, an academic, a policy maker or a person living with HIV who would like to be more involved in community-based HIV research in Ontario, please contact Lea Narciso, Program Director, Community-Based Research, OAN at (416) 364-4555 ext. 314 or lnarciso@ontarioaidsnetwork.on.ca or Jennifer Major, Manager, Ethics and Research Development, OHTN at (416) 642-6486 ext. 2249 or jmajor@ohntn.on.ca.

Respectfully,

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