# Examining the use of CBT4CBT in 'real-world' settings in PEI and across Canada

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### Centre for Health and Community Research (CHCR)

A multi-disciplinary, collaborative research centre at UPEI with staff who have expertise and experience in:

- Qualitative research methods
- Epidemiology
- Program Evaluation
- Survey development and administration
- Population health

- Mental health/addictions
- Analysis of administrative health data
- Statistics and research design
- Patient oriented research
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# Computer-based training for cognitive behavioural therapy - CBT4CBT

- Developed by Dr. Kathleen Carroll, Yale School of Medicine
- 7 sessions that teach key concepts such as cravings, problem solving, and decision making skills to reduce substance misuse
- Originally designed to be used as an adjunct therapy for service providers or clinicians.
- Adaptations include an alcohol version and a Spanish version
- Not intended for clients who have an untreated/unstabilized psychotic disorder or who have suicidal/homicidal ideation (Carroll et al. 2014, 2015).



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#### **CBT4CBT Clinical Trials**

- All clinical trials were completed in the United States
- Participants were significantly more likely to have 3 weeks or more of abstinence during treatment\*
- Significant enduring benefits at 6 month follow-up relative to treatment as usual\*
- Findings based on urinalysis and self-reports
- CHCR collaborating with Yale to look at implementation in Canada

\*(Carroll et al., 2009; Carroll et al., 2014)

## Canadian Study: Examining the real-world utility of a digital health intervention for substance misuse in Canada

What factors contribute to the utility of CBT4CBT in real-world scenarios for collaborative administrators, service providers, and youth informants?

- Real-world implementation research evaluation
- Funded through eHealth Innovations Partnership Program (eHipp) (CIHR)
- Mixed methods approach
  - Qualitative interviews/surveys/focus groups
  - Quantitative analysis of demographic and back end user data
- CHCR will provide licenses to participating partners for use throughout the study period

#### Who we want to hear from

Three different groups/perspectives in our sample:

- Collaborative Administrators representing participating substance abuse treatment facilities and providers across Canada
- Clinicians and/or service providers who may use CBT4CBT with their clients based on their professional discretion
- Youth (age 16-22) focus groups to provide first impression feedback on the tool

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#### Collaborative Administrators

We will look to explore feedback in relation to implementing CBT4CBT on a systems level such as:

- Ease of scale-up, service provider buy-in, and dissemination;
- Sustainability, value, price point, funding structure, and commercialization.

We will conduct one interview with the Collaborative Administrators at the end of the 12 month study period

#### Service Providers

We will look to explore service provider feedback on CBT4CBT pertaining to:

- Client uptake, retention, usability
- Perceived client changes in attitudes and behaviors, notable clinical benefits and/or adverse reactions or responses;
- Suitability for different client characteristics or populations.

We will conduct 3 online surveys at the 3, 6, and 9 month study marks and then conduct a final interview with a sample of service providers.

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#### Youth

- Youth focus groups: 8-10 youth aged 16-22 years
- We will demonstrate CBT4CBT to elicit first impression feedback on factors such as:
  - technology
  - visual aids
  - language
  - relatability
  - usability
  - engagement
- This feedback will be based on the intervention design and platform rather than the therapeutic modality (Thabrew et al. 2018) and draws on the *Enlight* checklist (Baumel et al. 2017).
- Information to inform a potential youth adaptation of CBT4CBT

# Potential Partnerships

- Health PEI
- Addictions Foundation of Manitoba
- The Centre for Research, Education & Clinical Care of At-Risk Populations (RECAP) – New Brunswick
- Segue Clinic Niagara Region

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