



Canadian Collaborative Centres for Injury Prevention Award for Collaborative Excellence

Background: The Canadian Collaborating Centres for Injury Prevention

The Canadian Collaborating Centres for Injury Prevention (CCCIP) is a network of national, provincial/territorial and regional injury prevention organizations which analyze and act on the leading injury issues and have established joint ventures to address Canada's invisible epidemic – injury. The CCCIP is uniquely placed to offer liaison between national organizations and government departments as well as the network of provincial/territorial and regional centres of expertise that have well-established links with community-based programs for injury prevention.

By building and maintaining a network of centres across the country this collaborative hopes to:

- Create consistency and reduce duplication in injury issues and initiatives.
- Enhance the ability of regions to learn from one another (in areas such as evaluation, surveillance and research).
- Act as a conduit for input and a dissemination route from both the national and regional perspectives.
- Work collaboratively on injury prevention and control issues from a regional and provincial perspective.
- Support the development of a critical mass of injury prevention stakeholders that together can make a significant impact on injury prevention and control.
- Influence the national perspective.

The CCCIP demonstrates the power of collaboration. It is this strong belief that provides the foundation for the **Award for Collaborative Excellence**. For more information about the CCCIP, please visit our web site: www.cccip.ca

About the CCCIP Award for Collaborative Excellence

The CCCIP Award for Collaborative Excellence recognizes and celebrates the value and power of collaboration as the keystone of effective injury prevention and safety promotion practice in Canada.

The Oxford dictionary of Canadian dictionary defines the verb collaborate as follows:

- 1. Work jointly esp. in a literary or artistic production*

For the purpose of this award, the key elements of this definition are those of working together and of focusing on a defined project.

The CCCIP Award for Collaborative Excellence will recognize a Collaborative that has systematically identified a significant injury challenge, recognized the best approach for addressing that challenge is a collaborative one, and worked together effectively to address it. The core of any effective collaboration is the quality of the relationships amongst its partners; this nomination process assumes from the outset that those quality relationships exist in each nominated Collaborative and requires that they be articulated. A second underlying assumption of this award is that it is project-based.

Award Specifications

This award will recognize a successful collaboration between individuals and/or organizations supporting the cause of Injury prevention or safety promotion in Canada. The collaboration may include partnerships that demonstrate the effectiveness of advocacy, improve programs quality and impact, advance research, or effectively engage key stakeholders in any of these injury initiatives. Nominations will be judged on the following criteria:

- Breadth and depth of collaboration
- Quality of the relationships within the Collaborative
- Process used to articulate the need
- Measures used to identify tangible outcomes of the initiative
- Sustainability and transferability of the initiative
- Identification and engagement of key stakeholders
- Involvement and participation of all identified partners in the project

Award Nomination Process

- Nominations must include one completed nomination form and two letters of reference supporting the nomination.
- The support letters must be from organizations or people who are outside of the Collaborative being nominated.
- Nominations must include, by name and title, the key participants of each organization in the Collaborative.

Note: Nominations will be judged on the information contained in the nomination package. Do not assume that the Selection Committee has knowledge of the individuals, organizations and/or initiatives that are being nominated.

Award Review Process

- A panel of five judges – two members of the CCCIP and three external to the CCCIP membership – will review the nominations.
- Using the criteria specified above, the members of the review panel will, independently, assess each nomination and through consensus decide on one winner.

The review panel reserves the right to reject all of the nominations and to pass on making an award.

Award Winners

Each of the identified partners in the successful Collaborative will receive an award certificate. This certificate will identify the participating organization and its lead, the name of the collaborative project, and the name and date of the award. The Collaborative will be listed on the CCCIP website.