

## Building for Success: Mental Health Research and Knowledge Exchange in Ontario



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## Presentation Overview

Constructing a successful research-government project is like building a house

1. **Project Overview**
  - Background & Research
2. **The SEEI Experience**
  - How SEEI was built from beginning to end
3. **What it means for your work**
  - Learnings & Discussion




## Background – Context

- Significant entry of new funds into community mental health system 2004-2007 (50% increase in 4 years)
- Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) committed to assess impact of funds on capacity through routine accountability reporting and evaluation research
- MOHLTC requested a proposal from the Health Systems Research and Consulting Unit (HSRCU), Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)




## Background - Project Overview



**System Enhancement Evaluation Initiative (SEEI)**

**Phase I Research Studies**

- Impact Study
- Matryoshka Study

**Phase II Research Studies**

- Court outreach – Ottawa
- Fidelity and Recovery ACT study – Hamilton
- Police mobile crisis services: review of three models-London
- Crisis system network-Waterloo/Wellington
- Integrated crisis-case management-Kingston
- Service match (CCAR)-Kingston
- Community-based discharge planning – Sarnia

## Devising a Plan



To build a sound structure, it's important to get it right from the start

Architects (HSRCU and MOHLTC) envisioned evaluation project

**Vision of significant participation and collaboration**

- Integrated knowledge translation approach
- Partnership with community agencies on all research teams
- Opportunities for Executive Advisory Committee (EAC) and Partner Organizations to provide and feedback throughout
- Lasting provincial knowledge exchange function would be built; the Ontario Mental Health and Addictions Knowledge Exchange Network (OMHAKEN)



## Finding the Right People to do the Work

Partners enhance the quality of research produced & help generate interest across the system

**Subcontractors/Trades:**

- Researchers – 12 principal investigators, 17 community partners
- Ontario Mental Health Foundation
- Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
- Provincial organizations (OFCMHAP, CMHA, ON, OPDI, CAMH)
- Community mental health providers
- Consumer/survivors
- Families, and
- Local Health Integration Networks

**General Contractors:**

- Knowledge Brokers oversaw general operations

