

Challenging Structural Substance Use Stigma Online Workshop Onboarding



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Host Organization Requirements

Type of Organization

To hold a workshop in your community, it is recommended that the host organization provide health or social services to people with lived or living experience of substance use, or work in the field of substance use health. This includes but is not limited to the following types of organizations:

- Public health units or community health centers
- Non-profit organizations
- Government agencies
- Mental health and/or addictions services
- Shelter or housing organizations
- Community development organizations or knowledge networks
- Social service/support organizations

Organization Responsibilities

Using the workshop package, the host organization will manage logistics associated with hosting a workshop, including but not limited to:

- Invitations, registration, and managing participant questions;
- Hosting the workshop using videoconferencing software (e.g., Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Google Meet);
- Distributing participant materials;
- Distributing post-workshop online survey (if applicable) and following up with participants as required.

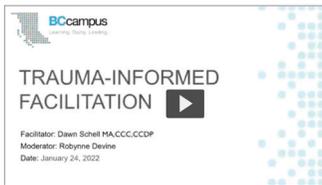
Facilitator Requirements

The host organization will provide 1-2 people who have experience with facilitation (in-house or otherwise). To deliver this workshop, facilitators should:

- Work in public health or social service sectors, with priority given to those with lived or living experience of substance use;
- Have experience leading group discussions/meetings, public speaking, and/or giving presentations;
- Feel comfortable discussing potentially emotional topics (e.g., substance use stigma, misinformation, advocacy) and diffusing conflict as needed;
- Have experience utilizing and troubleshooting online technology (e.g., videoconferencing platforms, survey software, etc.)

Recommended Facilitator Resources:

It is recommended that facilitators review the following resources prior to facilitation to ensure that they are prepared to navigate emotionally complex conversations and provide a learning environment that is safe and productive for participants.



Trauma-Informed Facilitation Webinar:

BCcampus

This session explains what trauma is, the impact it can have, and practical tools, tips, and strategies for trauma-informed facilitation. While this webinar is not specific to discussions about substance use stigma, we encourage facilitators to watch the following sections on trauma informed facilitation:

- Introduction to trauma-informed approach: 6:00-27:40
 - Facilitating discussion on difficult topics: 59:50-1:05:30
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Toolkit for Trauma-Informed Training Facilitation:

Nashville Family Safety Center

This toolkit discusses the importance of using a trauma-informed approach to facilitation and the benefits that this approach has for creating and maintaining a safe and engaging learning environment. It offers a series of reflective questions and tips for facilitators to consider, including audience dynamics to be aware of, physical space considerations, respectful inclusive language to use and skills for supporting participants who demonstrate challenging behaviours.



Getting to Tomorrow: Ending the Overdose Crisis:

Canadian Drug Policy Coalition

This guide provides context and information about substance use issues and public health and human rights approaches to substance use. It is meant to provide a starting point for exploring diverse perspectives and solutions related to the overdose crisis.

