



UPDATE

March 2015

The PROUD study has gone through many changes this winter:

Last December we moved out of 216 Murray St. It was a great location, but the cost was too expensive to pay for the long term. We are now working out of offices in the Bruyère Research Institute at the St. Vincent Hospital campus just west of Bronson Street.



- **CAC (Community Advisory Committee)**

Last fall we gathered a new team of Community Advisory Committee members to begin making decisions that will impact the future of the work that we do in Ottawa.

Members: Christine, Tyler, Dave, Sherry, Jenn, Nick, Tiffany, Brad, Rangi, June, Sean, Rick, Rob, Caleb, Stan, Sharpe, Ashley, Hannah, Claire, Zack, Alana, Chris, Lisa



ICES (Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences)

We are still in the process of connecting the original PROUD survey with the health records to keep track of changes in the health of our past participants.

- **DAART (Directly Administered Anti-Retroviral Therapy)**

The DAART project has come to a close and the peer-support workers will be coming together to discuss the challenges of this type of research and will create new ideas for future research in this area.

- **SIF (Supervised Injection Facility) survey**

Our survey is complete and the information gathered is being reviewed. We will have our first results by our next CAC meeting.

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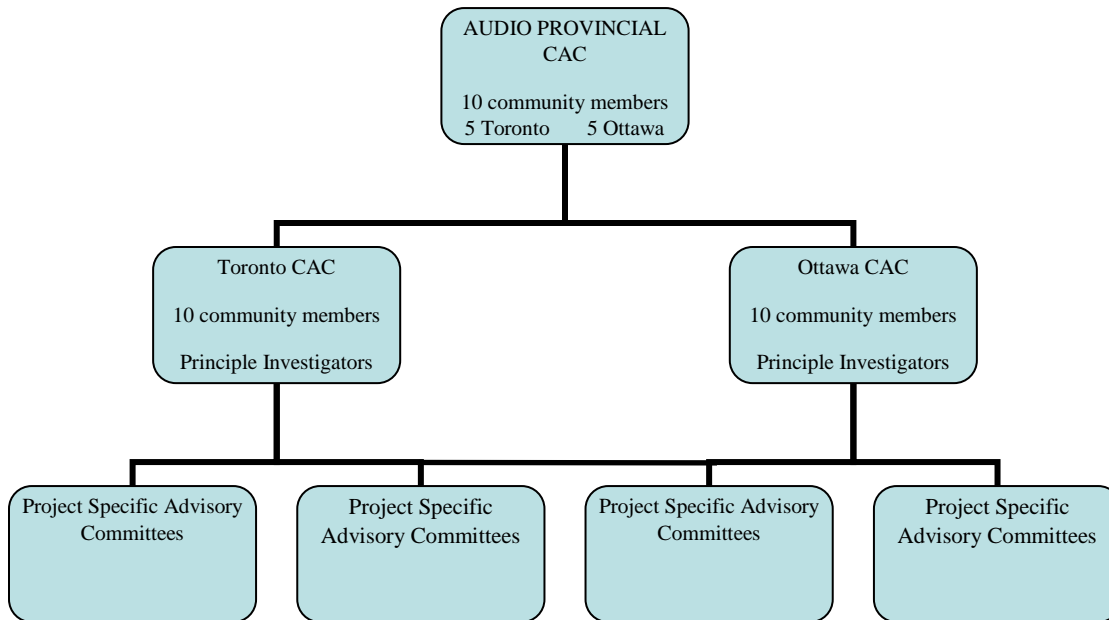
- **LSB (Life Story Board)**

The Life Story Board project will explore people's first experience with harm reduction as well as how they practice harm reduction in their everyday lives. This project is still in progress, and we have finalized questions which turn this therapy tool into a research tool that is relevant to the drug using community. We have recently submitted the Research Ethics Board application and will hopefully have approval by May.



- **AUDIO (Adults Using Drugs In Ontario)**

PROUD is looking into the possibilities of an Ontario-wide study lasting 5 years which would conduct multiple interviews with people who use drugs in Ottawa and Toronto.



2015 is a new year and another big step forward for PROUD as we are getting more of our data out and planning more research. We are happy to stay connected in the Ottawa community.

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