

Welcome to the BCCSR E-Bulletin

The latest on prevention, awareness, and research



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About Us

Located at the University of the Fraser Valley, the BC Centre for Social Responsibility is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Labour and Citizenship Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, and the University of the Fraser Valley.

The Centre focuses on promoting prevention and awareness, coordinating province-wide information sharing, conducting and coordinating research, and providing an evidence-based approach for programs and resources through a provincial lending library. We welcome you to further learn about our services and resources by visiting us on-line at www.bccsr.ca or in-person during our office hours.

Our Research

Upcoming Reports

- **Online Pharmacies:** This study reviewed the dangers associated with ordering prescription drugs from online pharmacies. Information was collected from over 100 on-line pharmacies. Specific characteristics were identified to determine whether the site was a legitimate pharmacy or operating illegally.
- **Online Gambling:** This study reviewed on-line casinos and the terms and conditions agreed to by on-line gamblers. The information from this study will be used to produce an on-line gambling handbook for on-line gamblers about the specific regulations and betting requirements imposed by on-line gambling organizations.
- **Spam Content:** The purpose of this study was to analyze spam emails received by a variety of email accounts. Over 800 emails were received from generic and professional accounts over a

two week period. Researchers analyzed the specific content of the email.

Current Projects

- **Self Exclusion Programs:** This study reviews "Self Exclusion" programs which are one of the tools that persons with gambling problems can use to respond to their gambling. This study includes a comprehensive literature review of self-exclusion programs and conducts longitudinal interviews with a sample of self-exclusion clients in BC.
- **Mapping Substance Use in B.C.:** In collaboration with the Centre for Addictions Research of British Columbia, the BC Centre for Social Responsibility is a partner in the "Mapping Substance Use in BC and Canada: A report of the BC Pilot Alcohol and Other Drug Monitoring Project".

Recently Completed Projects

- **Binge Drinking:** Over 400 students in two Lower Mainland post-secondary schools were surveyed about their alcohol consumption and binge drinking practices. The results indicated that nearly three-quarters of students experienced at least one harmful consequence as a result of their consumption of alcohol. Click here for the www.bccsr.ca
- **Responding to the Dangers of Methamphetamine: Towards Informed Practices:** In collaboration with the Centre for Criminal Justice Research and the City of Chilliwack, the BC Centre for Social Responsibility released a book called, "Responding to the Dangers of Methamphetamine". Click

here to download PDF copy of the http://www.ufv.ca/bccsr/Published_Research/Drugs.htm

All resources from the library can be obtained by mail, free of charge, throughout B.C.

Hot Topics

New Drugged Driving Legislation passed for July 2008

New legislation passed that increased the fines and methods of conviction for drivers operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs. Drivers suspected of being impaired by drugs face roadside tests and compulsory urine, blood, or saliva testing if they are suspected of being impaired. As of July 2, 2008, Canadians will face larger fines and increased jail time for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd offences. For more information on marijuana and driving, view our [Fact Sheets](#)

Fact Sheets

The Centre currently provides fact sheets on issues related to alcohol, gambling, and drug abuse. In addition, the Centre also provides information on child safety issues. Examples of fact sheets available on our website include: Binge Drinking; Impaired Driving; Youth and College Gambling; Methamphetamine; Booster Seats; Baby Bath Seat Safety; and resources for parents regarding Youth Substance Use and Abuse. For a complete list and copies of all our fact sheets, visit our website at www.bccsr.ca

Resources

At the BC Centre for Social Responsibility our library collection is co-located with two other Centres; the BC Centre for Non-Profit Development and the BC Centre for Safe Schools and Communities. The collections form the Centres' Library which is a provincial lending library, and open to all residents of BC. Print and video resources are available in a variety of topic areas including:

- Underage Drinking
- Youth Gambling
- Internet Addictions
- Problem Gambling
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)
- Alcohol Misuse

Training & Events

Centres' Open House BBQ of 2008

Come out and meet the people behind the Centres! If you would like to receive an e-invitation for this event, please contact our Centre's Assistant at: Social.Responsibility@ufv.ca

Upcoming Conferences

FASD: September 22, 2008. Abbotsford B.C.

What is FASD Really? & What is Effective Intervention?
[Click here for more information](#)

The Western Canadian Youth & Family Addictions Conference: January 2009, Vancouver, B.C.

A forum for youth and family service providers, researchers, policy and decision makers to come together to explore best and promising practices in addictions.

[Click here for more information](#)

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We would be happy to hear from you!

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