

Winter 2018



Co-Creating
Evidence

National Evaluation of Multi-service
Programs Reaching Pregnant
Women at Risk



Newsletter #2

Project Highlights July 2017 – February 2018

- ❖ Engagement & info-sharing amongst program sites (ongoing)
- ❖ Draft **Evaluation Plan** & data collection tools (July-Sept 2017)
- ❖ Review, revise & finalize **Client & Output databases** (Sep-Jan 2018)
- ❖ **Ethics submissions and approvals (Sept 2017 – February 2018)**
- ❖ Draft **CCE Guide and FAQs & Definitions of variables** (January 2018)
- ❖ Draft **Data Sharing Agreement** (January 2018)
- ❖ **Pilot testing with programs** (January – March 2018)
- ❖ Update **www.fasd-evaluation.ca** website (Feb-March 2018)

During summer, fall and winter 2017/2018, the project focused on drafting the synthesized Evaluation Framework, as well as all data collection tools, consent forms and recruitment materials. Our (harmonized) Human Ethics application was submitted to UBC and Children's & Women's Health Centre of BC in September 2017. **The project's Ethics approval from UBC and C&W's was received in mid February 2018.** Other jurisdictions' ethics approvals are still pending.



**Certificate of Ethical
Approval for Harmonized
Minimal Risk Behavioural
Study**



What's involved in data collection?

1) Information collected by the Program Sites:

Client database

- ❖ The Client Database will contain demographic and high-level outcome indicators for the women attending the program. There will be no record to link the identity of the client to their study ID.

Output database

- ❖ The Output Database will contain program level / output indicators collected at an aggregate level; no individual client-level information will be included as part of this database.

2) Data collected by the Project Team

- ❖ The project team will visit each program twice (e.g., in spring/summer 2018 and in 2019) to undertake in-person-data collection, supplemented by telephone interviews. They will do:
 - Interviews with a sample of clients / program participants
 - Interviews or focus groups with program staff; and
 - Interviews or focus groups with a sample of service partners.

What about piloting?

All program sites will be piloting their use of the Client database and the Output database in March 2018.

As well, the project team will do site visits at 3-4 programs between Jan and March 2018, to do interviews with a sample of clients as a means to test and get feedback on the data collection processes and tools.

Carol and Deb visited **Raising Hope** in Regina in late January and **H.E.R.** in Edmonton in February to pilot test /interview women. Both pilots were successful and the opportunity to sit down with staff to talk about the evaluation was very helpful.

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