



## **The Canadian Collaborative Centres for Injury Prevention – Background**

The Canadian Collaborative Centres for Injury Prevention (CCCIP) is a network of national, provincial and regional injury prevention organizations which analyze and act on the leading injury issues and have established joint ventures to address Canada's invisible epidemic – injury. The CCCIP is uniquely placed to offer liaison between national organizations and government departments as well as the network of provincial and regional centres of expertise that have well-established links with community-based programmes for injury prevention and control.

By building and maintaining a network of centres across the country this collaborative hopes to:

- Create consistency and reduce duplication in injury issues and initiatives.
- Enhance the ability of regions to learn from one another (in areas such as evaluation, surveillance and research).
- Act as a conduit for input and a dissemination route from both the national and regional perspectives.
- Work collaboratively on injury prevention and control issues from a regional and provincial perspective.
- Support the development of a critical mass of injury prevention and control stakeholders that together can make a significant impact on injury prevention and control.
- Influence the national perspective.

The CCCIP demonstrates the power of collaboration. It is this strong belief that provides the foundation for the Collaborative Excellence Award. For more information about the CCCIP, please visit our web site: [www.cccip.ca](http://www.cccip.ca).

## Introduction

The CCCIP Award for Collaborative Excellence is an award typically presented every second year at the Canadian Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Conference. This year the award will be presented through Parachute Canada's extensive network of injury prevention professionals and advocates. The CCCIP Award for Collaborative Excellence recognizes and celebrates the value and power of collaboration as the keystone of effective injury prevention and safety promotion practice in Canada.

The Oxford dictionary of Canadian dictionary defines the verb *collaborate* as follows:

1. *Work jointly esp. in a literary or artistic production*

For the purpose of this award, the key elements of this definition are those of working together and of focusing on a defined project.

The CCCIP Award for Collaborative Excellence will recognize a Collaborative that has systematically identified a significant injury challenge, has recognized the best approach for addressing that challenge is a collaborative one, and has worked together effectively to address it. The core of any effective collaboration is the quality of the relationships amongst its partners and this nomination process assumes from the outset that those quality relationships exist in each nominated Collaborative, and requires that they be articulated. A second underlying assumption of this award is that it is project-based.

## Award Specifications

This award will recognize a successful collaboration between individuals and/or organizations supporting the cause of Injury prevention or safety promotion in Canada. The collaboration may include partnerships that demonstrate the effectiveness of advocacy, improve programme, range, quality and impact, advance research, or that effectively engage key stakeholders in any of these injury initiatives. Nominations will be judged on the following criteria:

- Breadth and depth of collaboration
- Quality of the relationships with in the Collaborative
- Process used to articulate the need
- Measures used to identify tangible outcomes of the initiative
- Sustainability and transferability of the initiative
- Identification and engagement of key stakeholders
- Involvement and participation of all of the identified partners in the project

## Award Nomination Process

**Nominations must be received by April 15, 2016**

- Nominations should include one completed nomination form and two letters of reference supporting the nomination.
- The support letters must be from organizations or people who are outside of the Collaborative being nominated.
- Nominations must include, by name and title, the key participants of each organization in the collaborative.

**NOTE:** Nominations will be judged on the information contained **in the nomination package**. Do not assume that the Selection Committee has knowledge of the individuals, organizations and/or initiatives that are being nominated.

## Awards Review Process

- A panel of five judges – two members of the CCCIP and three external to the CCCIP membership – will review the nominations.
- Using the criteria specified above, the members of the review panel will, independently, assess each nomination and, by means of conference call, decide on one winner.

*The review panel reserves the right to reject all of the nominations and to pass on making an award.*

## The Awards Prizes

The CCCIP Award for Collaborative Excellence has typically been presented every two years at the Canadian Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Conference. This year, the award will be presented through Parachute Canada's extensive communication networks of injury prevention professionals and advocates. Each of the identified partners in the successful Collaborative will receive a custom certificate. This Certificate will identify the participating organization and its lead, the name of the collaborative project, and the name and date of the award.

## Submission Information

Nominations and supporting letters of reference should be forwarded to:

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