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on Substance Abuse
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Media Advisory

CCSA subject-matter experts on cannabis available for media interviews on “4/20”

What: On April 20 (“4/20”) Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA) subject-matter experts are available to respond to media inquiries related to cannabis policy, proposed federal legislation and impaired driving.

Cannabis is an important research and policy priority for CCSA. Since 2009, CCSA has made significant contributions to the knowledge about the health impacts of cannabis to support an evidence-informed, public health approach to cannabis regulation.

When: Thursday, April 20, 2017

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST (spokesperson availability on a first-come, first-requested basis)

CCSA experts: Rebecca Jesseman, Senior Policy Advisor
Rebecca can speak to the evidence behind cannabis policy and the proposed federal cannabis legislation, informed by her work studying the experiences in Washington and Colorado, and internationally.

Dr. Doug Beirness, Senior Research Associate, Impaired Driving

Dr. Beirness has published extensively in the areas of drug and alcohol-impaired driving. He also serves as chair of the Transportation Research Board Committee on Alcohol, Other Drugs and Transportation, and is vice-chair of the Drugs and Driving Committee of the Canadian Society of Forensic Science.

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