### Context: Trends and Initiatives

**Trends**
- Regionalization and accountability
- Diversification of populations and related needs
- Non-representative levels of harm
- Changing abuse patterns
- Decreasing social supports
- Prominence of harm reduction approaches

**Initiatives**
- National Framework and Priorities
- National Anti Drug Strategy
- Drug Treatment Funding Program
- FN and Inuit Mental Wellness Advisory Committee
- FN Addictions Advisory Panel
- Mental Health Commission of Canada
- Government tools for gender and diversity-based analysis
- Development of organizations by and for people with substance abuse problems

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### Principles

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**Key Concepts**
- Complexity and evolving nature of people's substance use problems:
  - Acuity
  - Chronicity
  - Complexity

**Tiered Model**

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### Criteria Used to Identify Services and Supports

- No wrong door
- Availability and accessibility
- Matching
- Choice and eligibility
- Flexibility
- Responsiveness
- Collaboration
- Coordination

### Supporting the Continuum of Services and Supports

- Knowledge Exchange
- Developing a Research Program
- Measuring and Monitoring System Performance

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