

Start an Adapted Therapeutic Community (ATC)

Calling all support workers, peer workers, counsellors, psychologists, physicians, clergy, Elders, volunteers, nurses, and social workers.

Are you interested in adding this evidence-based method to your toolbox?

A day program-based Therapeutic Community model is being introduced across BC that has been built off the success of a model founded in the UK and expanded to Portugal, Italy, and India. The advantage of this model is that it can be easily integrated into someone's 'normal life' – all within a reasonable commitment of time (3-5 hours) 1-3 days/week.



The model can be readily incorporated into supportive housing, shelters, community centres, corrections, neighbourhood houses, inpatients, treatment centres, recovery community centres, drop-in centres, and recovery housing.

Join a provincial collaborative designed to increase the level of competence and confidence in the way these environments operate. Organizations with groups of 2-3 individuals who would like to incorporate this model into their practice site are invited to apply to participate.

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What is the Collaborative?

This is a free 10- to 12-month education and support program for organizations implementing this evidence-based ATC model. ATCs are small group meetings designed to help a group of 8-10 individuals in your community, who may be experiencing chaotic lives including frequent use of emergency services and/or police.

This collaborative opportunity will provide participants with shared learning between organizations implementing the model. You will work with teams from across BC (4-8 demonstration sites), access a 'how-to manual', receive supplementary guidance from an ATC Expert Committee, and be coached by international faculty – all to rapidly test and implement small changes that lead to lasting improvement in service delivery.



Aims and Objectives

Improving outcomes for individuals experiencing chaotic lives will require:

- Tapping a cadre of international ATC faculty (<http://inlle.org/our-team>)
- Identifying challenges and sharing successes across sites
- Honing a strong, bold, collective voice
- Learning from past and present Therapeutic Communities worldwide
- Identifying diverse populations who would benefit from the ATC model

An 'All Teach, All Learn' Network

- Learn and test new innovations with other leaders, increasing program improvements across the province
- Adapt an evidence-based service delivery model to achieve improved outcomes
- Meet and connect with like-minded colleagues who strive for the optimal group facilitation experience and the best outcomes for everyone.