

**Project Title:** Development of a multi-media Substance Misuse Screening and Education Package for Persons with TBI

### **Purpose of Project**

During the late 1990's, a set of educational materials related to Substance Use after Brain Injury were developed as the basis for an intervention to educate people living with brain injury about the problems associated with substance use. In a pilot study, Corrigan (2012) found that multi-media presentation (use of an animated film) facilitated retention of relevant information following more severe brain injuries.

The goal of the proposed project is to develop materials that will support the implementation of best practice guidelines to reduce the risk of substance use after TBI has been identified. The project team will develop an updated video, along with complementary resources and training to support healthcare providers in:

- screening for substance use;
- how to introduce and discuss the prevention messages in a manner consistent with Motivational Interviewing principles; and
- guidelines for when and how to integrate substance related goals in treatment, and when and how to refer for treatment of substance use disorders

### **Progress to date**

The project team has developed scripts and storyboards for two short videos targeted towards patients:

- Video 1: Brain injury and its impacts
- Video 2: Brain injury and substance use (alcohol and cannabis)

The project team has supported script development, including providing feedback on the language/terminology used, incorporating the principles of adult education, and conducting plain-language and readability reviews.

The project team has also supported the development of accompanying storyboards, outlining the visuals that will be reflected in the video.

**\*\*\*Note on project report:** Due to the loss of funding for the ONF, this project has ended early, as the ONF will not have sufficient funds to meet its financial obligations. The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health has completed deliverable 1 as per the proposed workplan (development of scripts and storyboards). All other project deliverables fall outside the scope of the project, given the loss of funding.

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