



Mood Disorders Society of Canada

La Société Pour **Les Troubles de L'Humeur** du Canada



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Mental Health Research Canada to partner with the Mood Disorders Society of Canada

The Mood Disorders Society of Canada is very pleased to announce Mental Health Research Canada will partner and work with MDSC on mental illness priorities, with a focus on advancing evidence-based mental health research that is problem-solving, cost-effective and usable in the real world.

“We are proud to collaborate with MDSC on this partnership which, at its core, is about supporting bold ideas and fostering innovation in mental health. We are committed to working together to help more Canadians. We encourage others to collaborate and join forces to deepen impact,” says *Akela Peoples, CEO of MHRC*.

“Today, we bring together the extensive experiences and knowledge of the MHRC and MDSC Boards of Directors, Executive, Project and Research Leadership Teams, hundreds of volunteers and supporters to work collaboratively to improve the lives of persons with mental illness and issues, their families, caregivers and communities. Our combined and unified priorities and approaches will lead to significant benefit for all Canadians. We are very proud to sign this partnership agreement, expanding our stakeholder partners, and collectively making vast improvements in mental health care.” *Dave Gallson, National Executive Director, MDSC*

About the Mood Disorders Society of Canada:

The Mood Disorders Society of Canada was launched in 2001 to provide people with mood disorders, their families and caregivers a strong, cohesive voice at the national level on issues relating to mental health and mental illness. With particular regard to depression, bipolar disorder and other associated mood disorders, the MDSC aims to improve access to treatment, inform research, shape program development and government policy to improve the quality of life for people affected by mood disorders. For more information link to our website: www.mdsc.ca

About Mental Health Research Canada (MHRC):

MHRC is a national charity dedicated to improving the lives of Canadians living with mental illness, including families, friends, caregivers and communities. Our mission is to advance innovative research and research partnerships driven by the needs of diverse stakeholders across Canada. The result: evidence-based mental health research that is problem-solving, cost-effective and usable in the real world. For more information link to our website: www.mhrc.ca

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