



CANADIAN ABORIGINAL AIDS NETWORK

We are seeking Aboriginal People living with HIV or AIDS and family members affected by HIV to join our Family Matters Community Advisory Board (FM CAB)

What are we doing?

Family Matters is a research study to help us explore and identify important issues for families affected by HIV and provide Aboriginal-specific recommended solutions toward the development of programs that address and support all members of a family.

Who should apply?

We welcome individuals who relate to some or all of the following:

- Frontline and/or personal experience with issues affecting Aboriginal individuals and families living with HIV and AIDS;
- Experience with prevention, diagnosis, care, treatment and support issues;
- Knowledge and respect for the diversity of Aboriginal populations and knowledge of historical context;
- Commitment to collaboration and cooperation; and
- Ability to actively participate in discussions and effectively communicate ideas.

Roles and responsibilities of the committee

- To provide strategic direction to the *Family Matters* project team;
- To advise on key issues related to the implementation of the *Family Matters* Research Project and to support the team's effectiveness by contributing to the development of research tools, recruitment, data collection and analysis and knowledge translation; and
- To advise on key issues likely to improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal Families who are vulnerable to, or affected by, HIV and AIDS.

Meetings

The FM CAB will meet at strategic points during the research process guided by the Research team leads and the project budget. It is anticipated there will be meetings using teleconference and Skype scheduled 2 to 3 times per year. The FM CAB will meet face-to-face at least once before phase 3 of the project. Email will also be used to communicate with CAB members. Computer and internet access required. All meetings will be held in English.

If you would like to be considered for this advisory committee, please send a short letter of interest by **October 31, 2013** to:

Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network

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***We would like to thank everyone who applies for their interest; however only those selected will be contacted.**